



Application Form

Occupation Permit within State Forest

Department of
**National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing**

Mail completed application to:

Assessment and Approvals
Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
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Section 35(1)(a) of the *Forestry Act 1959* provides for the delegate to grant permits to occupy land within a State forest. These are called occupation permits. Occupation permits cannot be granted over land designated as timber reserve.

In general, occupation permits may be issued for a state forest where there is no suitable land available for the use off the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) estate, where there is some public benefit from the use, and where the use doesn't compromise existing management interests, existing rights or superior use of the area; for example use of the land containing an endangered ecosystem for conservation purposes. Occupation permits have been used to authorise infrastructure and facilities including the following:

- Communications facilities;
- Water storage areas, including water pipelines and pipelines for other service facility infrastructure;
- Other purposes, where assessed as an appropriate use.

Occupation permits may only be granted where the delegate is satisfied that the proposed use/s of the land is consistent with the requirements of the relevant legislation and policy. A number of criteria are considered, including possible impacts on:

- Natural and cultural resources and values, including the existing setting
- Other users
- Management interests
- Safety and equity

Term

Occupation permits may be granted for a fixed term by the chief executive. A new permit may be issued following the expiry of a permit, after a reassessment of the occupancy.

Fees

Different fees apply for different uses authorised under occupation permits (in accordance with the approved fee schedule).

Area

The area of an Occupation Permit shall be fixed by the chief executive.

Local government rates

Land within a state forest occupied by a person under an occupation permit is subject to local authority rates.

Native Title Assessment

In accordance with provisions of the Queensland government's approved Native Title work procedures, Native Title obligations and requirements are to be met prior to issuing an Occupation Permit.

Note: Occupation permit holders cannot sublease an Occupation Permit. Other users may apply for separate Occupation Permit with this department.

APPLICANT TO COMPLETE

Please state the reason for this application:

<input type="checkbox"/> New Application (Primary User)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Application (Co-user) <small>(Co-using a communications facility).</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation (renewal)
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APPLICANT

Full Name of Applicant/Company/Organisation:

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A.B.N. (Must be supplied where relevant):

Contact Name:

E-mail:

Postal Address:

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Mobile Telephone: Postcode:

Contact Telephone (Business Hours): Facsimile:

PERMIT DETAILS

Purpose of Permit:.....

Period of Permit Required: Date from:/...../..... Date to:/...../.....

State Forest Name(s):.....

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Parish(es) of :

Proposed Permit Area: meter(s) squared / hectare(s)

MAP

Please provide a plan of the infrastructure to be constructed or installed to existing infrastructure within the State Forest. Please supply a map detailing the location of your proposed works.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The applicant is required to provide an assessment of ‘environmental impact’ for the proposal with this application. Please explain and provide this detail with this application form, on how you propose to address the following environmental issues:

- Pest plants including preventing introduction control of existing occurrences
- Minimisation of visual impact of works (to complement the landscape)
- Soil conservation/erosion
- Water course protection (a Water Course Licence may be required)
- Impacts upon flora, fauna and biodiversity factors.

ALTERNATIVE SITES

The applicant is required to investigate a selection of alternative sites other than on the State forest/s. Please demonstrate what these alternatives are and how they have been extinguished (attach separate sheet if necessary):

- 1:
- 2:

CO-LOCATION

If your proposal is part of a Facilities Access Agreement with the primary user and owner, please state where you intend co-locating and, if so, with which company. Please specify this company's current Occupation Permit number, and a letter of non-objection from this company is required:

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CERTIFICATION

<p>I, the person making this application, certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate in every detail.</p> <p>Signature:.....</p> <p>Date:/...../.....</p>	<p>I, the authorised representative of the applicant company, certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate in every detail.</p> <p>Company Seal:</p> <p>Signature:.....</p> <p>Date:...../...../.....</p>
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