

Apply for an exemption (tree weeds)

Forestry in the Emissions Trading Scheme – pre-1990

ETSTWE.7

Use this form to apply for an exemption for pre-1990 forest land that has tree weed species on it, or had tree weed species cleared from it on or after 1 January 2008.

To apply for this exemption:

- the land cannot already have been made exempt for another reason (such as being less than 50 hectares)
- you must be the landowner, or a third party who holds the right to deforest the land and the landowner has no control over the decision
- the tree weed species must be a pest in a pest management plan under the Biosecurity Act 1993 or listed in the Schedule 5 of the Climate Change (Forestry) Regulations 2022
(available at www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0266/latest/LMS709974.html)

When you submit this application you must include:

- a digital map (known as a shapefile) that meets the Geospatial Mapping Information Standard (available at www.mpi.govt.nz/mapping-forest-land-ets/)
- a copy of the certificate of title, Māori Land Court record, or other document that proves who owns the land.

Exemption time period

If an exemption is granted, you can deforest the land without notifying Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service and paying New Zealand Units (NZUs or units). If you do not start clearing the tree weeds on your land within five years of receiving the exemption, Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service may declare that your land ceases to be exempt land.

If an exemption is removed, the pre-1990 forest land is no longer exempt. If you deforest any more of the land afterwards, you need to submit an emissions return and pay units. However, you may apply for a new exemption after the previous one is removed.

For more information, read our online guidance:

www.mpi.govt.nz/deforesting-pre-1990-forest-land-without-having-to-pay-units/



You must complete every field in this form, except the ones labelled 'optional'.

1 Contact details

If you are uploading this form to Tupu-ake – Forestry ETS online services, you don't need to complete this section.

Provide contact details for the person we should contact if we have any questions about this application and the information submitted. Where you provide personal information, Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service will hold and use that information in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020. You have the right to access and correct any personal information held by Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service.

Organisation (optional)

First name(s)

Last name

Telephone number

Alternative telephone number (optional)

Address

Suburb

City

Postcode

Country

Email address

2 Additional contact details

Depending on your legal structure, we may need additional contact details.

If you are submitting this form on behalf of an incorporated body

In the section below, provide the contact details of one person who is authorised to sign documents and receive notices (if different from above).

If you are submitting this form on behalf of an individual

In the section below, provide their contact details (if different from above).

If you are submitting this form on behalf of two joint applicants

1. In the section below, provide the contact details of one person.
2. Provide the other person's contact details in the 'Applicant contact details' form (available at www.mpi.govt.nz/ETSforms)

If you are submitting this form on behalf of an unincorporated body

1. In the section below, provide the contact details of the first member of the unincorporated body.
2. Provide the contact details of all other members of the unincorporated body using an 'Applicant contact details' form for each member (available at www.mpi.govt.nz/ETSforms)
3. Complete the 'Person to receive notices' form (available at www.mpi.govt.nz/ETSforms)

Organisation (optional)

First name(s)

Last name

Telephone number

Alternative telephone number (optional)

Address

Suburb

City

Postcode

Country

Email address

3 Contact details for site access

If we need to access the site(s) for the purpose of determining anything related to this application, provide details of who to contact to grant access to the site. If this is the same person whose details are in section 1, skip this section.

Organisation (optional)

First name(s)

Last name

Telephone number

Alternative telephone number (optional)

Email address

4 Application area

Provide details of the properties included in this application. If a certificate of title has not been issued, provide the legal description of the land with the tree weeds.

List land parcels separately even if they're covered under one certificate of title. For example, land registered as lots 1-5 Deposited Plan 77777 should be entered as five individual lots in the legal description.

All properties included in this application must have the same applicant name shown on the certificate of title, Māori Land Court record or other document that proves who owns the land.

You must attach a copy of each certificate of title, Māori Land Court record or other document to this application.

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If you do not know the title reference, contact Land Information New Zealand: see www.linz.govt.nz/contact-us or phone 0800 665 463.

5 Information about tree weeds

Tree weed species

Scientific or common name of the main tree weed species:

Total area (in hectares) of pre-1990 forest land included in this application:

Site of source trees

Select the option that best describes the topography and slope of the land (tick one):

If there's a range of different land features across the area of land, choose the most common.

☐ Site well sheltered from prevalent/strong winds

☐ Flat site, fully exposed to prevalent/strong winds

☐ Flat site, partially exposed to prevalent/strong winds

☐ Elevated take-off site (for example, a ridge top)

☐ Sloping land, fully exposed to prevalent/strong winds

☐ Slope facing away from strong/prevalent winds, where eddy gusts are likely

Site relative to prevailing winds

Indicate the location of the application area relative to seed-dispersing winds (tick one):

☐ Upwind relative to prevalent/strong winds

☐ Subject to crosswinds and/or wind eddies relative to prevalent/strong winds

☐ Downwind relative to prevalent/strong winds

Land use

Indicate the main land use within 2 kilometres of the boundary of the application area (tick one):

☐ Intensive grazing on developed pasture

☐ Regular mob stocking with sheep

☐ Semi-improved grazing (sheep/cattle)

☐ Extensive grazing only

☐ No grazing

☐ Other (specify):

Site vegetation

Indicate the predominant vegetation within the area surrounding the application area (tick one):

- ☐ Developed pasture, rank grass or plantation forest with no gaps
- ☐ Native forest or shrubland/tussock/grassland with continuous and heavy cover
- ☐ Forest/shrubland/tussock/grassland with few gaps
- ☐ Open forest and/or scattered patches of dense shrubland/tussock/grassland with many gaps
- ☐ Open slips/rock land and/or light, low stature shrubland/tussock/grassland

Legally protected areas

Indicate if the land in this application is located inside (or within 2 kilometres of) an area protected under one or more of these enactments (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Conservation Act 1987
- ☐ Resource Management Act 1991
- ☐ Local Government Act 2002
- ☐ Queen Elizabeth II National Trust Act 1977
- ☐ Reserves Act 1977
- ☐ Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998
- ☐ Historic Places Act 1993
- ☐ Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993
- ☐ Any other enactment (specify):

If applicable, provide the name of the protected area(s):

Areas of value

An area of land may be considered an area of value if the value is:

- natural
- landscape
- cultural
- historical
- economic, or
- recreational.

If the land in this application is located within 2 kilometres of an area of value, describe the area.

Enactments relating to the management of the tree weed site(s) in this application

You must list any documents that relate to the management of tree weeds in the application area (for example, plans, policies, standards or pest management plans prepared under other enactments such as a regional pest management plan, national environmental standard or Department of Conservation plan):

Strategy, plan, policy or standard:

Location or area it applies to:

Attach evidence of actions taken under enactments that require tree weeds to be cleared (for example, enforcement notices).

6 Mapping your land

You must include a digital map (known as a shapefile) of the area you're applying to be made exempt with this form. The shapefile content and format must meet the Geospatial Mapping Information Standard. You or a consultant can create a shapefile.

Attach your shapefile when you submit this form.

Find out more about creating a shapefile at www.mpi.govt.nz/mapping-ets-forest-land/

7 Other information

You may provide further evidence to support your application. This may include evidence (such as dated photographs or aerial imagery) that shows the land:

- is pre-1990 forest land
- mostly contains tree weed species.

Certain information and factors may help your application be processed faster, such as:

- evidence of territorial authority support (such as committed funding)
- community group involvement
- private or council tree weed management plans
- recommended areas for protection under the Department of Conservation's Protected Natural Area Programme.

Attach copies of sections of relevant documents with your application.

List any documents that you are including with your application.

8 Declarations

Tick to confirm the following:

I have not applied for or been granted an exemption for the land in this application under sections 180B and 180D of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (exemptions for less than 50 hectares, Māori land, or land with more than 10 owners).

I have completed this form accurately to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing altered, false, incomplete, or misleading information is an offence under section 132 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 and may be punishable by a fine up to \$25,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for bodies corporate. imprisonment or a fine up to \$50,000.



Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service will not process this form unless all declarations are ticked and the form is signed.

9 Signatures

Complete **A** (if applicable) or **B**

A Representative signature

Sign below if you have been appointed as the representative for this party.

Name

Signature

Date

Title (if applicable)

Organisation (if applicable)

B Forest owner or third party signature

This form must be signed by:

- one person with authority, or
- both members, if you are joint applicants.

Organisation

Name

Position (if applicable)

Signature

Date

Organisation

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Position (if applicable)

Signature

Date

How to submit your application

1. Log-in to Tupu-ake – Forestry ETS online services, available at www.mpi.govt.nz/ets-online-system/
2. Select the service **Pre-1990 forest land > Manage deforestation > Apply for an exemption.**
3. Upload the completed form, proof of land ownership, shapefile, and any additional evidence to the file upload on the main summary page.

Next steps

We will contact you about the outcome of your application.

If you have any questions, email ForestryETS@mpi.govt.nz or contact the climate change call centre on 0800 CLIMATE (0800 254 628).