

How to Apply for Compensation

This document provides guidance for landowners to apply for compensation if they are owed rental payments under surface lease agreement for an orphan site(s).

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) may provide compensation under s. 46 of the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA) following application by a land owner owed rental payments in relation to an orphan site.

APPLICATION OPTIONS

If you have not previously applied for compensation for overdue rental payments under s. 46 of OGAA, you may apply to the Commission or Surface Rights Board (SRB).

1. To the BC Oil and Gas Commission

If you wish to have your claim automatically processed annually, you must initially apply to the Commission. If approved, the Commission will automatically assess and determine your eligibility for further payment(s) on each anniversary of the surface lease agreement. No further applications are required by the Commission.

2. To the Surface Rights Board

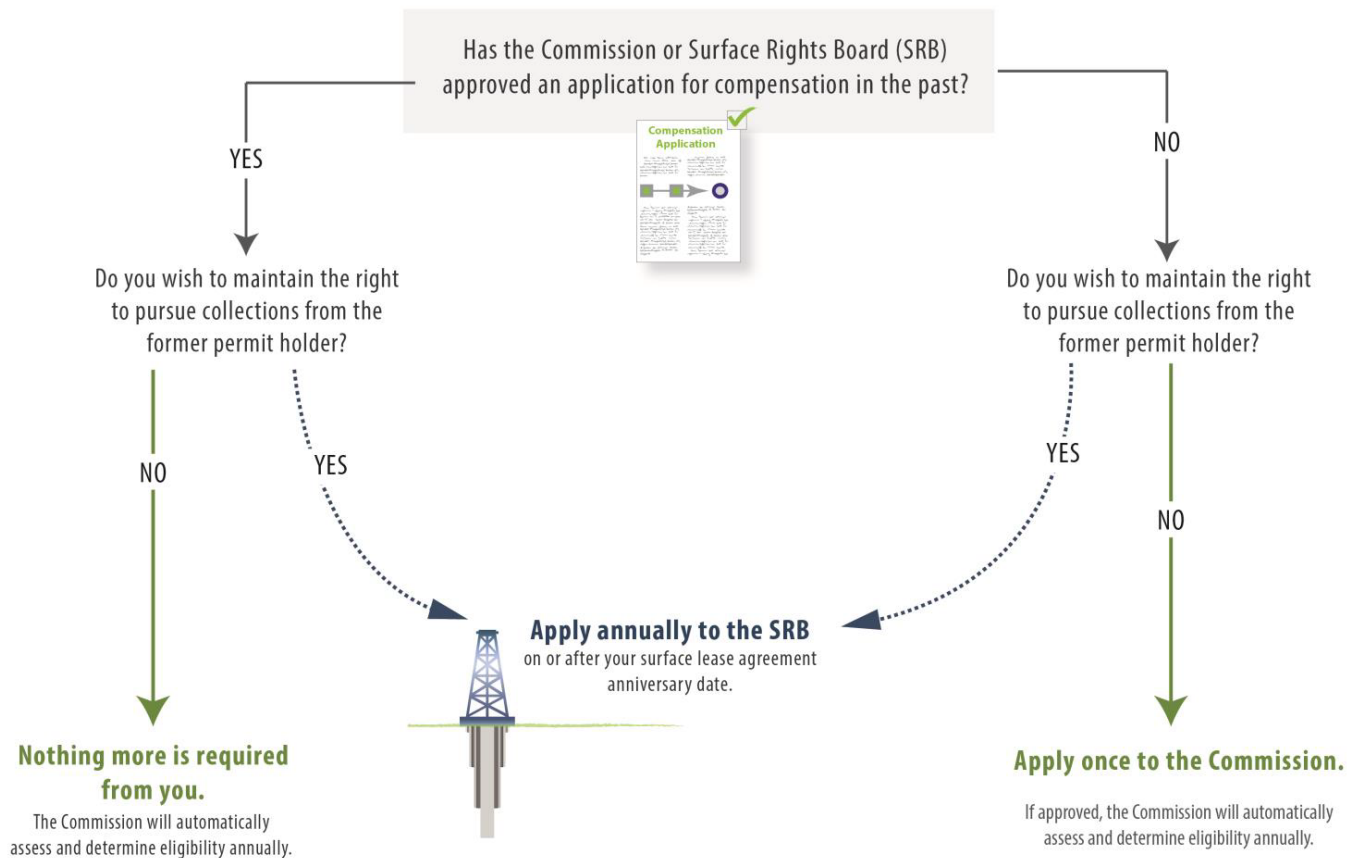
If you wish to maintain the right to pursue collections from the former permit holder for overdue rental payments (subject to any assignment), you must make application to the SRB every year in accordance with SRB requirements. The Commission will obtain and review the application made to the SRB in order to determine whether compensation is payable under s. 46 of OGAA.

Applicable to both Options

Following any initial payment, any further annual payment(s) would be subject to eligibility and availability of funds, any future transfer of the assets, and ultimate restoration of an orphan site.

Land owners must promptly notify the Commission if they no longer own the lands or change their contact information.

Each individual surface lease agreement requires a separate single application to the Commission, or annual application to the SRB.



APPLICATION PROCESSES

1. To the BC Oil and Gas Commission

- Download 'Statement for Compensation under S. 46' (Statement) and 'Assignment of Overdue Payments' from <https://www.bcogc.ca/public-zone/orphan-site-management/land-owners-and-compensation>.
- Complete and return both documents, together with all *supporting documentation* as outlined in the 'Statement', to the Commission.

or

2. To the Surface Rights Board

- Download 'Form 1F' and 'Form 6' from www.surfacerightsboard.bc.ca/ResourcesForParties/Forms.aspx.
- Complete and return both documents, together with all *supporting documentation* as outlined in 'Form 1F', to the SRB.

If you have questions related to compensation or general orphan site inquiries, please view the FAQs at <http://www.bcogc.ca/public-zone/orphan-site-management> or send a message to OrphanRestoration@bcogc.ca.