

# LAND CLAIMS

**How to lodge a land claim**  
in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Act  
(Act No 22 of 1994), as amended in 2014





## WHO CAN CLAIM?

A person, his or her spouse or children, or a community who lawfully **occupied** land or had a **right in land** (e.g. the right to farm the land) for more than 10 years, and has been dispossessed of that land or right as a result of racially discriminatory laws or practices between 1913 and 1994, and who has not received just and equitable compensation at the time of dispossession.

You may not lodge a land claim if you have claimed before and received redress, in the form of land or financial compensation. If you have lodged a claim before, but have not yet been informed about the outcome of your claim, contact the official lodgement office in your province to find out whether your claim is still being processed.



## WHEN CAN I CLAIM?

Submit your claim before 30 June 2019



## WHERE CAN I CLAIM?

Visit an official lodgement office at the Van der Sterr Building, Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray in **Cape Town** or 33 Shamrock Place, 97 York Street in **George**. Keep an eye out for mobile lodgement offices that may visit your region.



## WHAT DO I NEED?

**THE PEOPLE** Particulars of the person(s) who lost the land or land right. Particulars of the claimant and the capacity in which he or she is acting, including a certified copy of his or her South African ID card. If the claimant represents other people, a list of those people and a letter authorising the claimant to act on their behalf, signed by two witnesses.

**THE LAND** A description of the land (e.g. erf or stand number). The year of dispossession. The compensation paid at the time of dispossession. The Department that acquired the land at the time of dispossession. A description of the history of the occupation or right in land, supported by any relevant documentation, which can be obtained from the Registrar of Deeds, the Surveyor General, the Master of the High Court or the National and Provincial Archives.



## HOW DO I CLAIM?

Lodging a land claim is free of charge. Submit a written request with the Commission of Restitution of Land Rights, by getting assistance from an official at a lodgment office to complete the prescribed claim form. The prescribed claim forms can only be obtained from an official lodgment office. When your claim is successfully lodged, you will receive a letter of notification with a unique reference number.



## WHAT CAN I CLAIM?

You can claim either the **restitution** of your right in land, or equitable **redress**, such as financial compensation.



## WARNING

Lodging a land claim is **free of charge**. Do not trust people that charge money for claim forms, or that charge money to assist with completing or submitting a land claim. Get free forms and assistance at an official lodgement office.

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