

Cabin Registration Frequently Asked Questions

1. I am a Tłycho citizen, what can I do to apply for a cabin lease on Tłycho land?

Locate the area you intend to build your cabin on and you can do this by:

- going out to the location and getting a GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinate
- Walk-in to Tłıcho Government Department of Land Protection and identify a location on a map with assistance from a designated staff member

2. What steps should I take when choosing any location for a cabin?

When picking out a location, check for the following with Tłycho Lands Protection Division:

- i. No other individual had applied or holds a lease for that location
- ii. there are no cabins in a 500m radius from that location
- iii. the cabin will be located at least 100m from the centerline of any known highways
- iv. check on a map with DCLP to ensure the area is not within any Community Government boundary, private land or on public land owned by the GNWT
- v. there are no active traplines or sensitive wildlife, bird or fish habitats in the area
- vi. any active quarry sites or existing trails
- vii. contact neighboring cabin owners to discuss your plans
- viii. review the Cabin Land Use Guidelines below
- ix. If unsure of how to go about any of the above, please contact our office for guidance

3. After checking to make sure the location is available, what should I do next?

- i. Go on the Tłycho Government website:
 - click on documents and scroll to select Tłįcho Cabin Registration Form or download the registration form directly using PROVIDE LINK (Tłjcho ONLY)
 - click on documents and scroll to select Application for Access to Tłįchǫ
 Lands or download the application form directly using PROVIDE LINK (Non Tłįchǫ)

- you can also call our office and provide an email to send a cabin registration form for you to complete and send back
- ii. Complete the registration form, and please ensure to include:
 - the GPS coordinate (Longitude and Latitude)
 - your contact information (phone number, email and mailing address)
 - a sketch of your cabin and other intended structures
 - pictures of the location, if available
 - your name, sign and date at the bottom
- iii. Send your complete registration form to <u>Daniel.Casa@tlicho.ca</u> and/or <u>Tanisha.Beaverho@tlicho.ca</u>
- iv. Once we receive your registration form, someone from our office will contact you to follow up on your application

4. I am not a Tłįcho citizen, can I apply for a cabin lease?

Yes. To qualify, you must have been a resident on Tłycho land for at least 5 years.

5. How much will it cost to apply for a cabin lease?

Cabin lease applications are free and at no cost to Tłįchǫ citizens.

Non-Tłįchǫ who apply for a cabin lease would have to pay \$500 for the application. If approved, non-Tłįchǫ will continue to pay a \$500 annual fee to maintain their cabin lease.

6. What happens after applying for a cabin lease?

A designated staff responsible for cabin leases will process your application to ensure it is complete and meets the requirements under the land use guidelines and in (2) above

You will then be contacted with a decision or to follow up if more information is required to reach a decision.

7. How long is my cabin lease good for?

Tłycho citizens are approved for up to 99 years based on good standing.

Non-Tijcho are approved for up to 30 years based on good standing.

8. How long should I wait after getting approved for a cabin lease before starting construction?

We recommend that you start construction immediately after getting approved. Tłıcho Government reserves the right to cancel and reassign any cabin lease if there is no visible construction after a reasonable period of time

9. How has COVID-19 impacted the cabin registration process?

Due to COVID-19, the cabin registration process may take longer than usual.

To help speed up the process, approved applicants may be issued temporal letters permitting them to start construction until a lease is granted.

10. How do I keep trespassers away from my cabin?

We recommend that you put up a sign indicating no trespassing or build a barricade of approx. 3 feet above ground level

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Tłycho Cabin Land Use Guidelines

Land Protection

- The use and enjoyment of seasonal cabins on Tłįchǫ lands is primarily intended for the continued traditional use by Tłįchǫ (close to trap lines, hunting, fishing, etc.)
- Non-Tłįchǫ may submit an application to the Department of Culture and Lands Protection with proof of a minimum five years residency on Tłįchǫ lands (continuous)
- No commercial activity is permitted on the cabin lease area

Waste

- Outhouses or composting toilets are required for the management of human waste
- Their location should be at minimum 25 metres from the nearest water body, river or stream to prevent contamination

Accessibility

- TG or any duly authorized person at all reasonable times may enter upon the Land, and the Lease Holder may not interfere with Tłycho accessibility
- The Lessee may apply to TG to construct an access road on Tłįchǫ Lands, provided it is constructed at the Lessee's expense
- Where an Access Road intersects with GNWT lands, the Lessee may require DoT approval

Buffers between Cabins

- A buffer between two cabins is 500 metres; except where both cabin owners form an agreement to be closer
- TG strongly recommends cabin sites should be located at least 100 metres from centreline of any known highway

Visual Quality

- The Lessees shall maintain the existing improvements, in a manner and condition satisfactory to the TG
- A cabin and leased area should remain free of junk, abandoned vehicles and other waste

Transfer of Lease

- A cabin lease can only be transferred to a Tłycho citizen
- TG encourages cabin owners to write a statement identifying their next of kin for the lease agreement; avoiding future disputes and cabins left in state of disrepair.

For inquiries regarding cabins, cabin registration, and lease agreements, please feel free to reach out to our Land Use Planner Team of DCLP:

or

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