

## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

**Name of approval**

Give the official name of approval used with investors

**Purpose of approval**

Provide a description of what the authorisation provides to investors

**Name of agency issuing the approval**

Give official title of the body with the authority to grant the approval to investors

**Contact information for the agency**

Provide the title of the person that is the first contact for the approval, and their contact information: street address, mailing address, telephone fax numbers, and e-mail/website address. If the authority has several different locations, contacts should be identified for each location.

Harvesting Right License (RL) (Logging)

1. Foreign Investment
  - a) All required documentation and approval from immigration, Reserve Bank, FTIB and other relevant agencies must be in order before any intention to secure forest resources is made.
  - b) Once forest area is identified, than resource owners consent is sought through formal approval.
2. Local Investment
  - a) Forest area identified and resource owners consent is granted.

1. NLTB who acts on behalf of resource owners has to be formally notified and approval granted before (RL) is issued.
2. Forestry Department is responsible to issue harvesting (RL) once relevant processes are compiled with.
3. Department of Labour (OHS) and Land Transport Authority (LTA) would also need prior consultation to verify machineries and equipment registration and certification.

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Suva  
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3. Department of Labour (OHS)  
Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations & Employment  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Civic House  
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4. Land Transport Authority (LTA)  
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**How decisions are made**

Briefly explain (a) who has the power to grant the approval, and (b) what criteria are used to approve or reject an application. If there is a lot of information used in the decision-making process it can be included in a separate document.

- a) Approval is granted only by the Conservator of Forests
- b) The application could be rejected:
  - If the subject forest is located within the ‘protected’ or ‘preserved’ forest as categorized under the forest function classification of the Department of Forestry
  - The area is reserved for a purpose of national significant
  - The area is subject of dispute by landowning units.

**Processing time of the Approval**

Identify how long in days or weeks it takes from the point of submission of an application by the investor until a decision is made. This should be the average processing time. The authority should avoid stating a processing time they know cannot currently be met.

Not more than 3 months from submission of application. Preparation of Logging Plan is time consuming. However, issuance of approval is subject to receipt of a feasible logging plan by applicant.

**Cost of the approval**

Identify the official cost(s) the investor is required to pay the agency in order to obtain the approval.

Department of Forestry – No Charge  
  
NLTB – application fee of \$112.50 (non-refundable)