

Department of Lands & Survey

Name of approval

Give the official name of approval used with investors

Application for Foreshore Development

Purpose of approval

Provide a description of what the authorisation provides to investors

The approval allows for developments and most cases are tourism related and industrial.

Name of agency issuing the approval

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

Department of Lands & Survey

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.

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Process that must be followed to obtain the approval

Provide a brief description of the basic steps the investor must follow in order to obtain the approval. This should include identification of other agencies that the responsible authority must consult with in processing the application.

Note: Written guidelines and an application form should be provided as separate documents.

An investor should first of all be registered with FTIB and the certificate to show a foreshore area and then he/she can lodge an application to lease the foreshore.

The application is received, it is then verified whether it confirms the zoning, if yes then application is referred to following (simultaneously) for their comments and views.

1. DTCP – for scheme plan purposes
2. Environment Dept – EIA assessment on impact of the proposal
3. Request investor to advertise in local dailies (twice) for any objection on the proposal (30 days)
4. Request investor to obtain “qoliqoli” consent which has to be verified and certified by NLC
5. Request Fisheries Department to carry out survey recompense assessment.

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.

1. Once report is received and objection period is over. If waiver is obtained and no objection received then paper presented to Minister of Lands for approval to issue Development lease
2. If no waiver then tribunal hearing is convened by Agriculture Tribunal and an award is made
3. Once award is received, developer asked to deposit the awarded sum to Lands Department before lease is prepared.
4. Once lease is signed, stamped, then money is transferred to FAB in favour of the Vanua where the foreshore is situated

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.

With all above completed developer then commences with his project.

Cost of the approval

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

Local and foreign, application costs \$33.75