

VACANT AREAS FOR ALLOCATION



The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) informs the general public that a list of vacant areas for allocation as State Forest Authorizations-Small Concessions (SFA-SC); and SFAs- State Forest Exploratory Permits (SFEPs), is available at the GFC Head Office and GFC Forest Stations Countrywide. Additionally, this information can be accessed at: www.forestry.gov.gy

The deadline for submission of completed application forms is July 12, 2019. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that they verify the general stocking of the area being applied for.

Please note that applications for SFA-SFEPs must be submitted directly to the Commissioner's Office, GFC Head Office, Georgetown; with the non-refundable application fee of USD 20,000.00 or its equivalent in Guyanese currency.

Please be guided by the GFC Board of Directors revised Policy for the award of forest concessions:

1. No holder/person, whether by virtue of business registration, incorporation of a company, close family ties or community organisation (as defined on the pre-assessment form as associates) shall be allocated more than two forests concessions.

2. An applicant no longer needs to be the owner of a Sawmill before he can be considered for two concessions.

3. Any applicant indebted to the GFC as at the date of his application for a new forest concession shall be disqualified immediately from further consideration.

4. Any applicant already the holder of a forest concession whose production records (throughout the life of the concession) is below 50% shall be disqualified from consideration.

5. Any applicant who is already the holder of two or more concession but wishes to apply for another or other concessions must relinquish one or more of those concessions prior to his application for additional forests allocations.

6. Any applicant who is a member of a community group/association and desires to apply for a separate forest allocation must relinquish his membership from the said community before he could be considered for allocation.

7. As regards scoring, an applicant must attain a minimum score of 60 out of a 100 in order to be allotted a concession or considered further.

8. Every application for a forest concession must be accompanied by a separate assets list unless the forests concession applied for is contiguous to an area already awarded to the applicant.

9. A new awardee of a forest concession shall not be recommended for a second award until he has worked the concession to the satisfaction of the GFC.

10. The GFC shall review each application form, at the time of submission to ensure that it is completed in a manner that is consistent with the approved GFC guidelines and preassessment form. GFC shall not accept incomplete application forms.

11. It was further noted that every piece of equipment listed on the application form must be in working order and accompanied by supporting documents e.g. registration, agreement of sale and purchase, lease agreements, etc.

12. As far as possible, Applicants with numerous equipment are encouraged to apply for large concessions since they are more likely to score higher in that category

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