



VACANT AREAS FOR ALLOCATION EXTENSION OF DEADLINE



The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) hereby informs the general public of its decision to advertise for allocation, the vacant areas previously held by WAICO and Kwebanna Woods Products Inc as State Forest Authorizations-Small Concessions (SFA-SC) and Haimorakabra Logging Company Inc, Baishanlin Int'l Inc and Puruni Woods Product Inc as SFAs- State Forest Exploratory Permits (SFEPs).

The general public is also advised that all relevant information pertaining to the areas aforementioned are 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 **Monday, February 17, 2020.**

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 USD20,000.00 or its equivalent in Guyanese currency.

It should also be noted that SFA-SFEP applicants will be required to comply with all the requirements stated under the Forests Act 2009 and the Forests regulations 2018 for the award of a SFA-SFEP.

All applicants are required to take notice of the requirements for consideration. Applicants who fail to meet these requirements **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ALLOCATION**

1. That SFA-SFP applicants intending to make multiple applications must take note of the applicable application fee
 - a. 1st application = GY\$10,400
 - b. 2nd application = GY\$21,000
 - c. each subsequent application there after = an additional GY\$15,000
2. It is the responsibility of each applicants to ensure that they verify the general stocking of the area applied for.
3. 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.
4. An applicant no longer needs to be the owner of a Sawmill in order to be considered for two concessions.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. A new awardee of a forest concession shall not be recommended for a second award until he has first worked the concession to the satisfaction of the GFC.
12. 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 pre-assessment.
13. The GFC reserves the right to refuse any application on the basis that the Applicant is indebted to the GFC and or the application form fails to meet any of the conditions herein.
14. 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.
15. 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.

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

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