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Frequently Asked Questions about Managed Forest Land Classification

BC Assessment

Why apply for Managed Forest Class?

The method of calculating managed forest land assessments produce values based on the land's tree growth rate capability. This is a forest use value not influenced by other market forces.

What are the benefits of the Class?

- Owners of land in the managed forest class are assured the right to harvest trees (right to log),
- Assessments are reasonably stable through years of no harvesting (as the trees grow),
- Increased assessments will apply only following a year in which logging occurs (tree harvesting).

What are the requirements for Managed Forest Class?

To be classified as managed forest, the land must be at least 25 hectares and be managed as a single unit.

If the land measures 50 hectares or less, at least 70% of the land must be productive during the year ending on October 31.

If the land measures more than 50 hectares, at least 50% of the land must be productive during the year ending on October 31.

Land owners must also commit to good forest practices and comply with the legislated requirements of the *Private Managed Forest Land Act*.

What are the legislated requirements and how do I apply?

New legislation was passed in November 2003 and came into force in the summer of 2004. This legislation regulates the approval of, and forest practices on private managed forest land.

The new *Private Managed Forest Land Act* replaces the *Forest Land Reserve Act*.

The Private Managed Forest Land Council, independent

of BC Assessment, is established, under the *Private Managed Forest Land Act*, to administer the legislation and process applications for managed forest classification from forest land owners.

Once BC Assessment is notified by the Private Managed Forest Land Council that a property meets the requirements, BC Assessment will assign managed forest classification of that property for the next assessment year.

Is there a deadline every year for application

Questions on application dates should be directed to the Private Managed Forest Land Council. The council must notify BC Assessment of changes to land that qualify for Managed Forest classification by September 30 each year for the following assessment year.

Where can I get more information on the requirements for Managed Forest Class?

Contact information for the Private Managed Forest Land Council is available on their website at www.pmflc.ca or the office can be reached by telephone at (250)386-5737.