

**NEW GUIDELINES FOR OWNERS OF LAND NOT EXCEEDING ONE
HECTARE IN THE AGGREGATE**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Any owner of land, the whole extent of which or part of which is agricultural land and which as at 30 September, 2005, did not exceed one hectare (i.e. 10,000 m²) in the aggregate, is no longer required to apply for a Land Conversion Permit from the Ministry of Agro Industry and Fisheries.
2. The land in question should be located in an area where development is permissible in accordance with the policies of the Outline Scheme or the strategic and detailed development policies of a development plan, as the case may be, of the relevant Local Authority, and, should not be located in an irrigation area as defined at Section 14 of the Irrigation Authority Act.
3. The applicant should have been the owner of the land as at 30 September, 2005. Any land acquired after 30 September, 2005, will not fall in this category.
4. The aggregate of **one hectare of land** may be made up of more than one portion located in different places in Mauritius.

HOW DOES THE OWNER OF LAND NOT EXCEEDING ONE HECTARE APPLY FOR DEVELOPMENT ON HIS/HER LAND?

5. Land owners falling within this category shall apply directly to:
 - (i) the relevant Local Authority (Municipalities or District Councils) where the land to be developed is located, to obtain a Development Permit or a Building Permit as applicable; and
 - (ii) to the Morcellement Board of the Ministry of Housing and Lands to obtain a Morcellement Permit for morcellement projects.

6. Applicants should submit all relevant documents as may be required by the District/Municipal Council or the Morcellement Board.

7. Such documents should necessarily be accompanied by a **DECLARATION** from the land owner to the effect that on 30 September, 2005, he/she was the owner of an extent of land not exceeding one hectare in aggregate.

8. For any additional queries or assistance, interested parties may contact the Information Desk of the Land Conversion Unit of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Fisheries at the following address:

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