A lease application form needs to be completed when a person/corporation wishes to develop an area of public water land for oyster cultivation. This application form is completed for an area that has NOT been identified and assessed as a suitable ‘priority’ area for oyster aquaculture.

For information on completing this form, refer to the Application for Oyster Lease Information Kit https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/forms/lease-based

1. Applicant details

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2. Lease details

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<th>Former lease number</th>
<th>Estuary</th>
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or

☐ the area is new ground (i.e. previously unleased) – see note

Aquaculture permit number(s) that will authorise this lease and the percentage.

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Note: a detailed sketch must be submitted with the application if the proposed area is not over a former lease.

3. Lease area

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<td>Are the boundaries of the area applied for identical to those of the former lease? If no, please provide a sketch of the area you are applying for.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Is there an approved plan available for the area applied for?</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Is there any derelict material (cultivation, markings or infrastructure) present on the lease area?</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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4. Lease tenancy

If a lease is held by two or more people, please elect your tenancy arrangement for the lease(s) by ticking the relevant box.

If a lease is held by an individual or a company, the tenancy arrangement will be deemed Common.

☐ Joint Tenancy

Under Joint Tenancy, upon the death of a lessee, the lease is automatically transferred to any surviving lessee(s).

☐ Common Tenancy

Under Tenancy in common the proportion of the lease held by the deceased lessee is transferred according to their Last Will and Testament and/or at the direction of the Executor of the Estate.
5. Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for development of an aquaculture lease in NSW waters

a) Is the proposed aquaculture lease in any of these areas?

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<td>An identified navigation channel as marked by the Roads &amp; Maritime Services (except dredge bed leases).</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Directly offshore from, or 50 metres to either side of, any public wharf or public boat ramp.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Directly offshore from, or 50 metres to either side of, any public or privately operated marina.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>A recognised mooring area.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Within 50 metres of an area identified by Roads &amp; Maritime Services as a specific watercraft operation area.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Within a commercial net hauling ground recognised in a Fisheries Management Strategy made under the <em>Fisheries Management Act 1994</em>.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Directly offshore from, or 50 metres to either side of, an area managed for public recreation.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Within 50 metres of an area identified by the Roads &amp; Maritime Services as a designated swimming area.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Within, over, or adjacent to any area likely to adversely affect items listed on the State Heritage Inventory (e.g. shipwrecks).</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Within, over, or adjacent to sites/places of regional or national aboriginal significance.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Within any areas classified as a Prohibited (Closed Safety) under the NSW Shellfish Program.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>Over an area of <em>Posidonia</em> (strapweed).</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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*Note:* these areas are unsuitable for sustainable oyster aquaculture. If you answered YES to any of these questions, then your lease application will be refused.

b) Is the proposed aquaculture lease in any of these areas?

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<td>In or adjacent to a Marine Park or Aquatic Reserve.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>In or immediately adjacent to a National Park or Nature Reserve.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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<td>In or adjacent to wetland mapped under SEPP-14.</td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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*Note:* new leases in these areas will require additional approvals and a more detailed level of assessment. Contact NSW DPI on 02 4982 1232 for further information.
c) What species will be cultivated on the lease?


d) What are the proposed methods of cultivation?

☐ catching/sticks  ☐ baskets  ☐ floating  ☐ trays  
☐ drum raft  ☐ depot/sticks  ☐ long-line  ☐ rock/foreshore  
☐ dredging  ☐ racks  ☐ grow-out/sticks  
☐ other (please specify)


e) How much infrastructure will you use? (e.g. number of trays and baskets, metres of post supported long line, metres of rack, number of raft modules)


f) Are there any structures on the lease area?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If Yes, please answer questions g) to j). If No, go to question k).

g) Please indicate which types of structure/s are present on the lease area.

☐ reclamation  ☐ jetty or wharf  ☐ fence  ☐ boat shed  
☐ shed  ☐ bathing enclosure  ☐ slip  ☐ staging, platform/pontoon  
☐ other (please specify)


h) Please give a brief description of the structure(s), including approximate size/dimensions and locations of the structure within the lease. Two photographs of each structure are to be submitted with the lease number and date written on the back of the photograph.


i) What is the structure currently used for?
j) Do you have any additional information, which is relevant to the structures? (i.e. a copy of the relevant approvals for the structures)


k) Do you intend to build new structures or add to any existing structures on the lease?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please describe the additions or new structures and materials to be placed on the lease area.


l) What is the type of substrate (bottom) present on the lease area?
☐ sand  ☐ rock  ☐ mud  ☐ shell  ☐ gravel
☐ other (please specify)


m) What are the adjoining land uses?
☐ recreational  ☐ urban  ☐ aquaculture  ☐ rural  ☐ National Park
☐ other (please specify)


6. Environmental impacts and assessment

The following section looks at the potential environmental impact that may be caused by the proposal. For assistance in completing this section, you may need to contact your local NSW DPI Fisheries Office, or the Office of Environment & Heritage (National Parks & Wildlife Service).

1. Marine vegetation (seagrass, mangroves, saltmarsh)

a) Indicate the presence of the following on the lease area

Mangroves
☐ within lease area  ☐ adjacent to lease area (distance ___ metres)

Seagrass
Zostera (eelgrass)
☐ within lease area  ☐ adjacent to lease area (distance ___ metres)
Posidonia (strapweed)
☐ within lease area  ☐ adjacent to lease area (distance ___ metres)
Other (please specify)
☐ within lease area  ☐ adjacent to lease area (distance ___ metres)

Saltmarsh
☐ within lease area  ☐ adjacent to lease area (distance ___ metres)
b) What is the likely impact on any marine vegetation?


c) What is the expected level of impact on marine vegetation?
☐ nil  ☐ low  ☐ medium  ☐ high

2. Birds, fish, turtles and marine mammals and their habitat
a) What is the likely impact?


b) What is the expected level?
☐ nil  ☐ low  ☐ medium  ☐ high

3. Ecosystem of the locality
a) What is the likely impact?


b) What is the expected level?
☐ nil  ☐ low  ☐ medium  ☐ high

4. Human community
a) What is the likely impact?


b) What is the expected level?
☐ nil  ☐ low  ☐ medium  ☐ high
5. Transforming a locality (changing the natural features of an area)
   a) What is the likely impact?

   b) What is the expected level?
   - nil
   - low
   - medium
   - high

6. Causing a loss of the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or other environmental quality or value of the locality
   a) What is the likely impact?

   b) What is the expected level?
   - nil
   - low
   - medium
   - high

7. Locality, place or building having aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, cultural, historical, scientific or social significance, or other special value for the present or future generations
   a) What is the likely impact?

   b) What is the expected level?
   - nil
   - low
   - medium
   - high

8. Causing any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment
   a) What is the likely impact?

   b) What is the expected level?
   - nil
   - low
   - medium
   - high
9. Placing any increased demands on resources, natural or otherwise, which are likely to become short in supply
   a) What is the likely impact?

   b) What is the expected level?
      ☐ nil       ☐ low       ☐ medium       ☐ high

10. Causing any degradation of the quality of the environment
    a) What is the likely impact?

    b) What is the expected level?
       ☐ nil       ☐ low       ☐ medium       ☐ high

11. Causing any pollution of the environment
    a) What is the likely impact?

    b) What is the expected level?
       ☐ nil       ☐ low       ☐ medium       ☐ high

12. Causing any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste
    a) What is the likely impact?

    b) What is the expected level?
       ☐ nil       ☐ low       ☐ medium       ☐ high
13. Causing any long term effects on the environment  
   a) What is the likely impact?  

   b) What is the expected level?  
      ☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

14. Any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities  
   a) What is the likely impact?  

   b) What is the expected level?  
      ☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

15. Causing any risk to the safety of the environment  
   a) What is the likely impact?  

   b) What is the expected level?  
      ☐ nil ☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high

7. Proposed environmental safeguards

List and describe any safeguards that are proposed to protect the environment from the proposed activity or to mitigate any of the likely impacts. You may refer to the OISAS best practice standards and commitments to environmentally sustainable practice.
8. Applicant declaration

All applicants must sign the declaration.

An application lodged by a company must be signed by two directors, or one director and a secretary. If the company is a sole director company, and the sole director is also the sole secretary then the sole director must state this next to his/her name that he/she is the “sole director and sole secretary”.

I/We acknowledge that all the information provided in this application is true and correct.

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9. Submitting your application

- Mail: NSW Department of Primary Industries, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay NSW 2315
- Email: aquaculture.administration@dpi.nsw.gov.au
- Telephone enquiries: Aquaculture Administration, 02 4982 1232

For information on application processing times, refer to the Aquaculture Transactions Fact Sheet https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquaculture/forms/lease-based

10. Application fee

You are not required to submit an application fee with your application. The successful tenderer, bidder or applicant will be required to pay the prescribed application fee.