



Quartz Grouping Guidelines

Quartz Mining Act



Please refer to the
**Quartz Schedule of
Representation Work**
document available at
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when filling assessment work on
mineral claims.

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Section 55, Quartz Mining Act

This guideline contains information on the following:

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1. Section 55 of the Quartz Mining Act

Section 55 of the Quartz Mining Act states:

Number of adjoining claims that may be grouped

s.55(1) Adjoining claims, not exceeding 750 in number, may be grouped together for the performance of work by their owner or owners on filing with a mining recorder at any time before the recording of the work a notice of intention to group the claims and obtaining a grouping certificate in the prescribed form.

s.55(1.1) A claim may be grouped under subsection (1) only once in any one-year period.

s.55(2) The holder or holders of a certificate under subsection (1) may perform on any one or more of the claims, in respect of which the certificate was issued, all or any part of the work required to entitle them to a certificate of work for each claim so held by them, but if the work is not done or if payment in lieu of it is not made as prescribed in section 59, the claims shall be deemed to be vacant and abandoned without any declaration of cancellation or forfeiture on the part of the Commissioner.

s.55(3) Claims in respect of which a certificate under subsection (1) has been issued and claims within a mining district, owned by one person, may, on application by their owners, be made renewable on any one date.

s.55(4) A mining recorder shall charge, the prescribed fee for each claim referred to in subsection (3) for each period of three months or less that it is necessary to extend the record to make claims renewable on the same date, and the work, or payment in lieu of it, required for the fractional part of the year for which each claim is extended shall be allowed at the rate of twenty-five dollars for each three months or fraction, and the payment or work shall be made or performed prior to the date on which all the claims are made renewable. S.Y. 2008, c.19, s.12

2. Purpose of grouping claims

Groupings are certificates under which work performed on one or more claims may be used to satisfy the assessment requirements for other claims in the grouping. This means that work done on one claim in the selected grouping can be applied to any or all other claims in the grouping for the purposes of renewing the claims. This allows the holders of a grouping certificate to concentrate their activities on one or more claims instead of having to perform assessment work on each individual claim.

Take note of the following.

- Claims cannot be grouped simply to avoid completing assessment work on claims, which are not part of an operation, or to enable a claim owner to “hold” ground that they are not working.
- A grouping certificate does NOT authorize mining activity or the use of water. Permits (a mining land use approval and/or water licence) are still required.
- A grouping certificate does NOT change the anniversary date or expiry date of any claims.
- The act of grouping claims does not renew the claims.
- Grouping claims does not change the amount of assessment work required.

Assessment credit of \$100.00, assigned according to the *Schedule of Representation Work (Quartz Mining), 2003*, is required to renew each claim each year. For example, if you have ten claims you will require \$1000.00 worth of assessment credit each year, whether or not the claims are grouped. The

difference is that on grouped claims, you can centralize the work to one or more work location. On ungrouped claims, you must complete \$100.00 of work on each claim.

For further information on renewing claims, please see the *Schedule of Representation Work (Quartz Mining), 2003* available at http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/oic2003_251.pdf.

3. Criteria for approval and application requirements

The *Quartz Mining Act* allows claims to be grouped if certain conditions are met.

- You can apply for a grouping at the time you file your renewal application. Claims are only allowed to be grouped once per year.
- Groupings cannot exceed 750 claims in number. All claims must be contiguous (adjoining). That is, claims must connect at a point.
- Groupings must include the claim(s) where assessment work is performed for that work to be applied to the claims in the grouping. We recommend that you number or identify each grouping so that it may be referred to in your “Application for Certificate of Work” and/or in your explanation of how the work was distributed.
- Not all claims in a grouping have to be renewed.
- Groupings will not automatically renew claims to a common date. You must do work and apply for renewal covering that portion of the year to make all claims due on the same expiry date.

Applications must consist of the following:

- A completed grouping application form signed by all of the owners (or their agent(s)) of the claims included in the application. The form is available at http://www.gov.yk.ca/forms/forms/5000/yg5048_e.pdf.
- A map showing which claims are to be grouped of sufficient scale to identify each claim.
- Fees paid to the appropriate district office (\$0.50 per claim).

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