

Differences between the main types of forest tenure in Alberta
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Forest Tenure Type	Term	Based on	Amount of Area/ Volume	Method of Allocation	Use	Have Rights to	Forest Management Planning Responsibility ?	Annual Operating Plan Required?	Required to Pay for Forest Protection?	Must Reforest?	Public Consultation Required?
Forest Management Agreement	20 year, renewable every 10 years	Area	FMA area varies between 58,535 ha to 5,812,185 ha	Request for proposal	Commercial	Standing Timber	FMA holder	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timber Quota: Coniferous Timber Quota	20 year, renewable	Volume	Average is 49,400 m ³	Auctions, tenders or direct sales	Commercial	Harvested Coniferous Timber	FMA holder or the government	Yes	Yes	Yes, if 10,000 m ³ or greater. If under, can reforest or pay for reforestation	Yes
Timber Quota: Deciduous Timber Allocation	20 year, renewable	Area or Volume	Average is 94,000 m ³	Auctions, tenders or direct sales	Commercial	Harvested Deciduous Timber	FMA holder or the government	Yes	Yes	Yes, if 10,000 m ³ or greater. If under, can reforest or pay for reforestation	Yes
Commercial Timber Permit	1 to 5 years, no renewal	Volume	Generally under 5000 m ³	Auctions, tenders or direct sales	Commercial	Harvested Timber	FMA holder or the government	Yes	Yes	If not FMA or Quota holder, must pay for reforestation	Yes
Coniferous Community Timber Permit	Up to 5 years, no renewal	Volume	Generally under 5000 m ³	Direct award	Commercial : small historic community operators	Harvested Coniferous Timber	FMA holder or the government	Yes	Yes	If not FMA or Quota holder, must pay for reforestation	Yes
Local Timber Permit	1 year, no renewal	Volume	Up to 50 m ³	Non-competitive	Non-commercial	Harvested Timber	N/A	No	No	No but pay for reforestation	No
Forest Products Tag	30 days, no renewal	Volume	Up to 5 m ³	Non-competitive	Non-commercial	Harvested Timber	N/A	No	No	No	No