

## TERMS USED IN THE FORESTS ACT: WHAT THEY MEAN

**Owner's personal use:** Timber milled expressly for use by the landowner.

**Dead:** Trees (standing or otherwise) that have died as a result of natural causes. There must not be any green foliage on the tree.

**Salvage:** Trees that have fallen naturally or were felled to waste before 3 July 1989\* or stumps or roots remaining from any trees felled before 3 July 1989 (including swamp kauri). The timber must be taken from an area that is not indigenous forest land.

**Windthrown:** Trees that have become windthrown as a result of natural causes.

**Accessway:** Trees removed for establishment or maintenance of an accessway.

**Mining:** Timber removed as a result of a mining operation.

\* the date when government announced its intention to pass indigenous forestry legislation.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information refer to the following publications available at <http://www.teururakau.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/forestry/indigenous-forestry/>:

- » *Indigenous Forestry on Private Land: Sustainable indigenous forest management in accordance with Part 3A of the Forests Act 1949*
- » *Milling and Exporting Swamp Kauri*
- » *Measuring Indigenous Trees and Logs*
- » *Indigenous Timber Table of Metric Cylinder Volumes*

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## Application forms

for milling statements or personal use approvals can be downloaded from:

<https://www.teururakau.govt.nz/growing-and-harvesting/forestry/indigenous-forestry/>

or can be obtained from Te Uru Rākau regional offices.

[www.teururakau.govt.nz](http://www.teururakau.govt.nz)

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**MILLING INDIGENOUS TIMBER  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

# **Milling Statements and Personal Use Approvals**

**PART 3A OF THE  
FORESTS ACT 1949**

## HARVESTING AND MILLING SMALL VOLUMES OF INDIGENOUS TIMBER

Part 3A of the Forests Act 1949 promotes the long-term sustainability of privately owned indigenous forest through Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Plans and Permits. However the Sawmill Controls within Part 3A contain provisions that allow for Milling Statements or Personal Use Approvals to harvest and mill indigenous timber in one-off situations from areas that are **not** subject to registered SFM Plans or Permits.

These provisions cover harvesting and milling of timber under the following categories:

- » for an owner's personal use;
- » from specified Māori land;
- » from land managed by the Crown (for example, approved for cultural use from the conservation estate);
- » from a planted indigenous forest;
- » arising from a public work, a mining operation, construction or maintenance of an accessway or scientific research;
- » first milled before 1 July 1993;
- » from salvaged and windthrown trees;
- » from a forest subject to a forest sink covenant;
- » from tree ferns.

Before milling timber under any of the above categories you must first obtain a written Milling Statement or Personal Use Approval from Te Uru Rākau. The statement or approval must be supplied with the logs to the registered sawmill that will mill the timber.

This guide lists the information required by Te Uru Rākau to support an application for harvesting and milling indigenous timber falling into any of the above categories.

An inspection may be necessary before a statement or approval is issued. MPI reserves the right with all applications to inspect the timber on site prior to harvesting or milling.

## MILLING STATEMENTS

An application to mill timber from the categories listed other than for an owner's personal use should be made on the "Milling Statement Application Form". The application should contain the following:

- » name, address and contact phone number of person/landowner/company applying;
- » land ownership details (such as a copy of the Certificate of Title of the land or Rates Demand);
- » map showing the location of the land where the timber is to be harvested from;
- » the category of timber to be milled (such as salvaged, windthrown, dead, accessway);
- » species to be milled;
- » number of trees of each species to be milled;
- » estimated total volume of each species (roundwood volume in cubic metres);
- » GPS locations and/or map or aerial photograph showing the location of the tree(s) to be milled;
- » proof of entitlement to the timber where the applicant is not the owner of the land (such as a letter from the controlling agency such as a District Council where logs are to be removed from a riverbed);
- » good quality photographs and any other information that may be of assistance in processing the application.

Te Uru Rākau recommends that trees are not felled or removed prior to receiving a Milling Statement.

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain any resource consents that may be necessary under the Resource Management Act 1991 for felling or clearance of indigenous vegetation. Please contact your regional and district council for information on resource consents.

## APPROVAL TO HARVEST AND MILL FOR PERSONAL USE

Under the personal use provision, a landowner may apply to harvest and mill up to 50 cubic metres of roundwood in any 10-year period. Where the land has multiple owners, only one approval will be granted. The owner cannot sell or trade timber harvested or milled for personal use. As part of the Personal Use Approval process, which takes six to eight weeks, Te Uru Rākau must consult with the Department of Conservation (DOC). In most instances, Te Uru Rākau will inspect and measure the trees to be harvested.

An application to harvest and mill indigenous timber for personal use should be made on the "Personal Use Application Form". The application should contain the following:

- » name, address and contact phone number of person applying;
- » land ownership details (such as a copy of the Certificate of Title of the land or Rates Demand);
- » map showing the location of the land where the timber is to be harvested from;
- » a description of the intended use of the timber;
- » details of trees to be harvested, including:
  - species,
  - tree number (it is suggested the trees intended for harvest are numbered with spray paint or crayon),
  - estimated volume of each tree (roundwood volume in cubic metres), or alternatively the diameter at breast height (taken at 1.4 metres up the tree on the uphill side), and merchantable height taken to where branching precludes milling,
- » GPS coordinates or, if it is not possible to provide GPS coordinates, a map or aerial photograph showing the location of the tree(s) to be harvested;
- » good quality photographs and any other information that may be of assistance in processing the application.

No trees should be felled or removed prior to the applicant receiving a written Personal Use Approval.