

**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION ON FIREBREAKS: INDIVIDUALS (Form no. ??)**

**THIS APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE DUTY TO PREPARE AND MAINTAIN FIREBREAKS IN TERMS OF SECTION 15 OF THE NATIONAL VELD AND FOREST FIRE ACT (ACT 101 OF 1998) IS FOR:**

**Section A: PERSONAL DETAILS**

<b>1. Surname</b>	
<b>2. Initials</b>	
<b>3. Title</b>	
<b>4. Postal address</b>	
<b>5. Physical address (if different to postal )</b>	
<b>6. Property Name &amp; number's</b>	
<b>8. Property/Farm size (ha)</b>	
<b>9. Name of FPA (If any)</b>	
<b>9. Telephone</b>	H:
	F:
<b>10. Cell phone</b>	
<b>11. E-mail address</b>	
<b>12. Signature</b>	
<b>13. Date</b>	

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**SECTION B: Understanding the purpose of the exemption application:**

B1 As the applicant I understand that under:

- a) Section 12(1) of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act. No 101 of 1998 landowners are obliged to establish firebreaks on the boundaries of their properties.
- b) Section 12(7) That owners of adjoining land may agree to position a common firebreak away from the common boundary.
- c) In terms of Section 15(1) of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act the Minister may allow certain exemptions for a landowner or group of landowners from the creation of boundary firebreaks where there is *good reason* to do so.
- d) Section 15(2) this exemption may also be conditional.

B2 As the applicant I also understand that:

- a) When receiving exemption from the Minister it does not exempt me from the responsibility as land owner/user to prevent a fire from starting or spreading from or over my farm/property.
- b) The exemption does not transfer my responsibility on to any neighbour, the Fire Protection Ass., local or national authority to prevent a fire from starting or spreading from or over my farm/property.
- c) This application: *not to make*; or *move the firebreak to an alternative position*; is for a practical, economical and environmental reason and not to avoid the responsibility to prevent or combat fires on my farm/property.
- d) That I will undertake to maintain the condition of the action plan which include the reasons for exemption / positioning of firebreak.

B3. The neighbours that have signed in section C understand the reason for this application, and that it may have an impact on their preparedness in the event of a fire.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ on this day the \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section C: Particulars of neighbours**

<i>a) All fields must be complete if applicable</i>	<i>b) To indicate the properties of neighbours on map 1</i>				
	<b>NEIGHBOUR 1</b>	<b>NEIGHBOUR 2</b>	<b>NEIGHBOUR 3</b>	<b>NEIGHBOUR 4</b>	<b>NEIGHBOUR 5</b>
<b>1. Surname</b>					
<b>2. Initials</b>					
<b>3. Title</b>					
<b>4. Postal address</b>					
<b>5. Physical address (if different to postal )</b>					
<b>6. Farm name &amp; number(s)</b>					
<b>7. Name of FPA</b>					
<b>8. Telephone</b>					
<b>9. Cell phone</b>					
<b>10. E-mail address</b>					
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<b>12. Date</b>					
Ad more pages if there are more neighbours bordering onto the applicant's property than this page provided for.					

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**SECTION D: THE FIRE HISTORY OF THE FARM / PROPERTY**

D1.1 How many fires have there been in the last 5 year on your property.		D1.2 How many had crossed from onto your farm or over your farm to a neighbours farm.	
D1.3 Names some the possible cause /origin of these fires			Value lost because of fires
D1.4 Names some of consequence of the these fires			

D2.1 The date of a last fire on your property		D2.2 Did this fire cross over onto a neighbour's property	
D2.4 Was there a firebreak on the boundary		D2.5 If no, would a firebreak have been of any help.	
D2.6 If there was a firebreak, why did it possibly help / not help			
D2.7 If this Firebreak was placed in a different position than your boundary, would it have been more effective. (Give a reason.)			

D3.1.How many major fires that caused damage/lost to 5 or more farm during the same fire in your ward / agriculture area in the last 30 year.			D3.2 How many of these had cause damage to your farm/property		
D3.3 When was the last major fire.		D3.4 How big was this fire.		D3.5 Any loss of life at this fire.	
D3.6 Did landowner work together in a organsion way at this fire				D3.7 Could you take part in fighting this fire	
D3.8 In few a words give the main reasons why this fire cause so much damage.					

*Please attach an Annexure with these reference points if the space is inadequate to make point clear.*

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**SECTION E: Background information about Farm / property**

E1 Give % of total area of farm under the following heads to form a picture of your farm /property and activities				Indicate what the neighbour	
<b>E1.1 Topography of farm</b>		<b>E1.2 Natural Vegetation types</b>		<b>E1.3 Type of farming</b>	
Mountains with steep slopes		Grasslands		Game farming	
On side of mountains slope		Savannah bushveld		Harvesting of natural vegetation	
In valley bottom		Kalahari bushveld		Grassing on natural vegetation	
Hilly country side		Valley bushveld & thicket		Grassing on planted vegetation	
Hilly country with deep revines		Forests		Dry land crops	
Flat country side		Karoo		Land crops under irrigation	
		Succulent Karoo		Orchards and vineyards	
		Fynbos		Orchards/vineyards with mulching	
<b>E2 Weather patterns</b>		Renosterveld		Sugarcane plantations	
Average rainfall	mm	Transformed land		Timber plantations	
Average humidity in fire season	%			Corps under cover (tunnel & nets)	
Average temperature fire season		°C		Feed lots / poultry	
When is the normal dry season			Infrastructure (housing, stores etc)		
Prevailing wind direction					
Prevailing wind in fire season			Tourism (just B & B )		
Average wind speed fire season			km/h		
			Tourism (ex hiking trail, horsetrail picnic spots, View points, etc.)		

**SECTION F Reason for application for exemption**

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F1 This application for exemption will normally fall under these main points: Out a practical, economical and/or environmental reason. Give a short summary of why it's not possible for you to have Firebreak on your farm/property boundary.		
<b>F2 Attached a Action Plan to this application which cover the following aspects</b>		<b>F3 Provide at lest the following 2 maps</b>
Personal detail & Signing off of document	Position of firebreak (show on map), width	<b>F3.1</b> Map showing neighbours (sec C)
Description of topographic, vegetation	Reason for position of firebreaks	Area of last fire and wind direction (sec D2)
Weather patterns	Method of preparing firebreak	The firebreak with last fire (sec D2)
Assets that need to be projected	Protection of Infrastructure from veldfires	
Fire fighting capacity (including personnel)	How other burning operations will be handle	<b>F3.2</b> Firebreak as set out in action plan (sec F2)
Water points (that is evadible for use)	like block burns, high fuel loads of slash etc.	Prevailing wind (Sec E2)
Outside resource available		Assets of high value (Sec F2)
Possible fire hazard that threatening from inside or out the farm boundary		Water points (sec F2)