



*Tonga*

# **LAND (TIMBER) REGULATIONS**

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Made by His Majesty in Council <sup>1</sup>

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Land (Timber) Regulations.<sup>2</sup>
2.
  - (1) The Minister may issue to a person a permit to cut or remove timber from any Crown land.
  - (2) A person who does not hold a current permit issued under these regulations shall not cut or remove timber from any Crown land.
3. A person who cuts or removes any timber from any Crown land shall, in respect of the timber so cut or removed, pay the following royalties to the Minister —
 

	\$
For the first 12 feet in length of timber 12 inches in diameter	2.50
For each additional one foot in length in excess of 12 feet	.50
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4. The Minister may at his discretion refuse to issue a permit under these regulations without assigning any reason for the refusal.
5. Where the Minister issues a permit to a person to cut or remove timber of less than 12 inches in diameter from any Crown land, the royalties payable by that person shall be those as may be determined by the Minister.
6. Any royalties due and unpaid under these regulations shall be a debt due to the Crown and may be sued for and recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction.
7. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of the foregoing regulations commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10.

8. Where permission is granted to cut timber on Crown land, it shall be an implied condition of such grant that no timber shall be cut within 50 feet of high water mark.<sup>3</sup>

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> G. S. 79 of 1967, G. 33 of 1943

<sup>2</sup> These Regulations formerly appearing at page 1543 of Volume III of the 1967 edition of the Laws of Tonga, are here consolidated with the Regulations made at G.S. 79 of 1967

<sup>3</sup> G. 33 of 1943