



མ་ཆ་བདག་སྐྱོང་དང་འཛིན་སྐྱོང་ལས་ཁུངས། གྲོང་གསེབ་མ་ཆ་ལྟེ་ཆུ།
DEPARTMENT OF LAND ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT
Rural Land Division

"Spatially Enabled Nation with Par Excellence Land Governance"



NLCS/DoLAM/RLD/2024-2025/ 001750

May 1, 2025

Dasho Dzongda ,
20 Dzongkhags.

Subject: NCRP closure notification

Dasho (s),

The National Land Commission is pleased to announce the formal closure of the National Cadastral Resurvey Program (NCRP), which commenced in 2008 and concluded on 19th June 2024, with the granting of the Royal Kasho for the remaining cases under the program.

Following this closure, the provisions of the Land Act 2007 and its relevant Rules and Regulations will be fully enforced. We believe this development will support the delivery of fair, transparent, and efficient land-related services.

We request the Dzongkhag Administration to sensitize Local Government leaders regarding the key points outlined in this notification. Please feel free to reach out to us for any clarification.

Thanking you

Sincerely

Secretary

Copy to:

1. Dasho Gyalzim, OGZ, for kind information
2. Executive Secretaries, 4 Thromdes, for kind information
3. Director General/Director, NLCS, for kind information
4. Dungpa's, 15 Dungkhangs, for kind information
5. Land Record Officers, 20 Dzongkhags

"In pursuit of effective and efficient land governance"

Rural Land Registration
& Transaction Section-I
Telefax 325274

Rural Land Registration
& Transaction Section-II
Telefax 328847

Rural Land Administration
Section
Telefax 328450

Rural Land Conversion
Section
Telefax 337039

Chief Land Registrar Director
Telefax 338066 335340

www.nlcs.gov.bt

Date: May 1, 2025

Public Notification

Subject: Formal closure of National Cadastral Resurvey Program (NCRP)

This is to inform that the National Cadastral Resurvey Program (NCRP) initiated in 2008, is hereby formally closed with effect from June 19, 2024. The program has been successfully completed with His Majesty The King granting land Kidu in all 20 Dzongkhags. Tsirang and Sarpang Dzongkhags were the final Dzongkhags to receive Kidu in June, 2022. Further, His Majesty granted Kidu on the residual NCRP cases on June 19, 2024, thereby bringing a formal closure of the NCRP.

A total of 151,649 beneficiaries received Royal Kidu of 157,276.196 acres. In addition, His Majesty also granted a total exemption for the excess land payment of Nu. 2590.114 million (Refund of Nu. 197.797 million + Exemption of Nu. 2392.317 million). The NCRP was carried out in accordance with the Royal Command of His Majesty The King, the provisions of the Land Act 2007, and the National Assembly Resolutions.

Therefore, the NLCS is hereby pleased to inform the Local Governments and all relevant agencies to take note of the following with immediate effect:

1. Henceforth, all land-related information, documents compiled, and Thrams created/updated during the NCRP shall be the legal basis for resolving all land-related issues. However, if discrepancies exist in the NCRP cadastral and Thram records, the errors shall be rectified as per the NCRP norms and in line with the provisions of the Land Act.
2. Land deficit/omission claims:
 - i. Land deficit claims for thrams already released will not be entertained regardless of the plot category.
 - ii. Land deficit claims for Thrams that are still pending will be entertained within the registered area, if adjustment is possible from the contiguous location.
3. Omissions will be entertained for up to 5 years from the date of issue of the NCRP Lagthram. However, omissions resulting from administrative and system lapses will be reviewed and rectified
4. Thrams in the name of the deceased shall be transferred as per Section 44 of the Land Act, which states that *"Upon the demise of the Thram holder of a family, the Thram shall be transferred to the name of one of the members identified by the family within 360 of his*

demise as certified by the Local Authority. In the event of non-compliance, such a person shall be liable in accordance with Section 300(h) of this Act and the Local Authority shall instruct the family to register the land in the name of one of the surviving members identified by the family."

5. The land tax has to be paid and dealt with as per Sections 224-226 of the Land Act, 2007.
 - a. *"Section 224: If a land tax is not paid for 3 consecutive years, the Local Authority shall serve a notice to the landowner at the end of the third year to pay the tax with arrears.*
 - b. *Section 225: In addition to Section 224 of this Act, the Government may impose fines for non-payment of tax.*
 - c. *Section 226: In the event of non-compliance to the notice served under Section 224 of this Act, the Commission Secretariat shall annul the Thram of such land and the Thram holder shall be informed accordingly. The land shall be taken over as the Government land or Government Reserved Forests land."*
6. Land/property Tax for all recently released Thrangs (i.e. based on June 19, 2024 Kasho) shall be paid to the Department of Revenue and Customs (DRC) in arrears (without penalty).
 - i. Since the LGs no longer have CD accounts or Revenue Receipts, land tax (until 2023 should be determined and collected by the Dzongkhag Revenue/Finance/Accounts officer as follows:
 - a. Land tax calculated based on the original registered area, in arrears until 2022. The land tax rate to be applied shall be as per old tax rates, and no penalty will be levied as the thrangs were released in 2024.
 - b. Land tax in arrears for the year 2023 (and beyond) shall be based on the new tax rates. No penalty will be levied for the tax year 2023, as the thrangs were released in 2024.
7. All NCRP pending thrangs shall be issued thrangs based on the registered area.
8. All Tsamdro and Sokshing were nationalized as per section 235 of the Land Act, 2007. Hence, the collection of *Tsarin* (Tsamdro grazing fee) or any fees and charges by any individuals/parties shall not be allowed.
9. The implementation modalities for the Y and Z plots granted as Kidu LUC shall be as per the *Private LUC Rules and Regulations, 2025*. LUC for Government and Religious institutions shall be dealt with as per the *LUC Rules and Regulations, 2023*.

10. Encroachment on state-owned and private registered land is a Petty misdemeanor offense as per Section 299 (e) of the Land Act. Therefore, encroachment shall be strictly prohibited and monitored.
11. Any or all notifications, circulars, and office orders issued in the past that are not in conformity with this notification shall be null and void.
12. All the above provisions shall come into effect from the date of issue of this notification.



Secretary
National Land Commission Secretariat