

# Changing Tenancy on a Title

A guide to preparing the documents





# Preparing a Transfer of Land document to change the tenancy shown on a Certificate of Title

This step-by-step guide is designed to show you how to prepare and lodge a transfer of land document to **change the tenancy** currently shown on a Certificate of Title from 'Joint Tenants' to 'Tenants in Common' or from 'Tenants in Common' to 'Joint Tenants':

- 1. Joint tenants possess a right to survivorship, that is, the interest of a deceased joint tenant passes to the surviving joint tenant(s). If a joint tenancy is severed (that is, converted to a tenancy in common) each owner can then direct how their share in the property is passed following their death by making provision in their Will.
- 2. Tenants in common do not possess a right of survivorship and on their death their interest (a percentage or share) passes according to the terms of their Will.

If you are completing the forms yourself, we advise you to exercise documents involved are legally binding. A competent professional, such as a solicitor or settlement agent, should always be considered when preparing any land transfer document.

It is important to read through the whole of this information guide. Being familiar with the information provided in the guide will assist you need to contact Landgate to clarify any part of the process. Useful contacted are listed on the back page.

# What you should know about a Certificate of Title

Certificates of Title are created Landgate usually as a result of registration or approval of a subdivisional plan. Original titles are always kept at Landgate.

Some limitations or encumbrances may prevent the registration of a transfer or other interests on a Certificate of Title. For this reason, it is recommended that a copy of the original Certificate of Title be obtained from Landgate, to assist in completing the Transfer of Land form. We commonly refer to this as a 'title search'. A title search will show the spelling of the names of the registered proprietors/owners.

For a fee, you can conduct a title search and obtain a copy of a Certificate of Title.

# What do I need for my land transfer?

- Verification of Identity (VOI) the identity of the person(s) signing as transferors and transferees must be verified
- Title Search (recommended) used to complete the Transfer of Land form
- Forms Transfer of Land (t1 or T2)
- 'Certificate of Duty' or document stamped Obtained from Revenue WA (OSR) for the assessment of (stamp) duty
- Registration Fees payable to Landgate

### Verification of Identity (VOI) – Identifying the transferors and transferees

Do you have a solicitor or licensed settlement agent preparing documents and acting on your behalf? If you do, you should discuss the <u>verification of identity</u> requirements with your solicitor or licensed settlement agent.

If you do not have a solicitor or licensed settlement agent acting on your behalf, you are referred to as a **self-represented party**.

A self-represented party is responsible for ensuring their own identity has been independently verified and complies with Landgate's VOI practice. Self-represented parties can have their identity verified at a participating Australia Post office. Australia Pose charges a fee for this service. For further information, please refer to: <a href="https://auspost.com.au/id-and-document-services/identity-checks-for-property-transfers">https://auspost.com.au/id-and-document-services/identity-checks-for-property-transfers</a>

All of the natural person/s signing the transfer document must be identified, this includes person's signing as an attorney or in any other capacity (e.g. as a company director).

#### Verification of Identity in a Foreign Country

For further information on the verification of identity procedures in a foreign country for both electronic or paper-based transactions please refer to: <u>VOI-03 Western Australian Registrar and Commissioner of Titles Joint Practice: Verification of Identity and Authority. Paper Based Transactions – Foreign Countries.</u>

#### Note: A self-represented party cannot have their identity verified overseas.

Further information on the verification process is available on the Landgate website via the following link: Landgate – Verification of Identity.

#### Title Search – A copy of the Certificate of Title

A title search is optional, however highly recommended, as the search provides you with a complete up-to-date copy of the title at the date and time the title search is conducted.

For a fee, you can conduct a title search online using an address and <u>order a copy of</u> a Certificate of Title.

#### A Transfer of Land Form – (T1 or T2)

A <u>Form T1</u> is a one-page for used when there are no more than two transferors and/or two transferees named in the document.

A <u>Form T2</u> is a two-page form that has larger information panels and can be used when there are more than two transferors and two transferees, or if more information is required in any panel on the transfer document.

Freehold land registration forms are available from a Landgate office or online from the Landgate website.

Please note that only original signed forms can be lodged for registration and all forms must be printed on white A4 size paper in duple style, so both sides of the paper are printed upon.

#### Revenue WA (OSR) for the assessment of (stamp) duty

When the transfer form has been completed and signed, the original signed transfer form must be presented to Revenue WA at the Department of Finance for (stamp) duty assessment.

NOTE: All transfers must be presented to Revenue WA for duty notation before the transfer can be lodged with Landgate. The transfer form will be either 'Stamped' or a 'Certificate of Duty' will be issued.

Contact details for Revenue WA are listed on the back page.

#### **Registration Fees**

View the current <u>Registration and Search Fees</u> that can be paid by cash, credit card, EFTPOS, or by cheque/money order made payable to Landgate. Fees must be paid when lodging the document in person or included if posting the documents to Landgate.

#### **Further Reading**

For further information on this transaction type and further document requirements, please see the following links:

- Land Titles Registration Policy and Procedure Guides
- A Guide to basic requirements for the preparation of paper documents "Getting it Right
  - Reference Guide"
- Land Transaction Toolkit

# Steps to lodging a transfer

- 1. Complete the transfer form by using the title search. Type or print legibly in dark in(preferably black) to complete the panels in the transfer form, using the examples in this guide to assist you.
- 2. Ensure the transfer has been assessed for duty by Revenue WA and a duty certificate is provided, or duty is noted on the original transfer form.
- 3. Ensure there are original identity statements provided for each of the natural persons signing the transfer document. The VOI statements must be the original Verification of Identity letter issued by Australia Post and/or original VOI statements provided by a solicitor or settlement agent.
- 4. Lodged the original signed transfer form (together with any other evidence that may be required) with Landgate, ensuring the registration fee payment is enclosed if lodging by post.
  - In person at one of Landgate's lodgement offices. NOTE: Any person can lodge the transfer document with Landgate; the lodging party does not need to be one of the persons named in the transfer document.
  - By post to:
     Landgate Document Lodgement Section
     PO Box 2222
     MIDLAND WA 6936

NOTE: Original evidence being returned by post will be posted in the normal mail. If you wish to have the original evidence returned by registered post, you will need to provide a self-addressed, pre-paid registered post envelope to Landgate with the Transfer document.

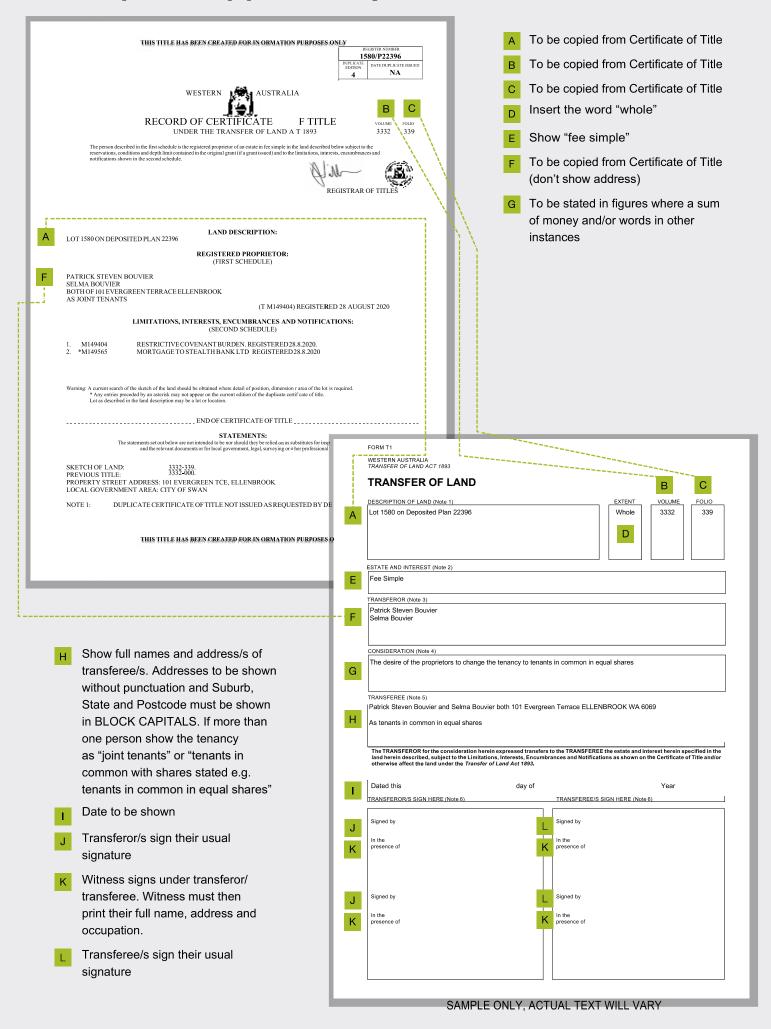
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#### **Important**

The information in this document should not be regarded as legal advice. In all matters, users should seek legal advice from an independent legal practitioner.



#### **Contact List**

#### **Landgate Contacts**

Landgate Office Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm (Lodgement Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm

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Email: customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au

Website: www.landgate.wa.gov.au

Postal Address: PO box 2222, MIDLAND WA

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#### **Document Lodgement Sites**

Document lodgement hours strictly 8.30am to 4.30pm

Landgate - Midland Head Office

1 Midland Square MIDLAND WA 6056

**Landgate – Perth Business Office** 

200 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

**Australia Post Verification of Identity** 

Tel: 1300202287

#### **Other Useful Contacts**

Department of Finance Revenue WA

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 200 St George Terrace

PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 9262 1100 Website: www.wa.gov.au

**Department of Planning** 

140 William Street PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 6551 9000

Website: www.planning.wa.gov.au

**Family Court** 

150 Terrace Road PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 9224 8222

Website: www.familycourt.wa.gov.au

**Probate Office** 

11th Floor, 28 Barrack Street

PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 9421 5152

Website: www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au

**Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages** 

141 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

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Website: www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au

**State Administrative Tribunal** 

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Website: www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au

