



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

RAILROAD LANDS AND CROSSINGS

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT	The permit, in the form of a legal agreement called a lease, license or private crossing agreement, exists to ensure that the integrity, use, and safety of all State-owned railroads are maintained at as high a level as possible.
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	Any construction activity and/or installation of pipelines, fiber optics, TV, cable, and electric wires (over/under), private or public grade crossings, fences, buildings, agricultural use.
CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION	An agreement is required to be in place prior to any encroachment, utilization of, or any work intended to occur within State-owned railroad property. Policies related to these activities are in the process of development and those applying should check with the Rail/Aviation Bureau office for further updates.
INFORMATION REQUIRED	All requests must be submitted in writing and will include a detailed sketch or a map, preferably to scale, showing the location and describing the proposed work.
FEES	Lease/license document preparation fees and/or rental rates are based on fair market value of the property. The agreement will require indemnification and appropriate insurance. The operating Railroad will be a party to the agreement on all active Railroad lines and may require an additional document preparation fee.
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	Three to six months may be needed to prepare a license/lease/crossing agreement.
ADMINISTERING AGENCY	<p style="text-align: center;">AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION RAIL/AVIATION BUREAU</p> <p>CONTACTS: Mark FitzGerald, Rail/Aviation Property Management Section Chief, Phone: 802-461-5971</p> <p>ADDRESS: One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001</p>
AUTHORITY	5 VSA § 3406
APPLICABLE RULES	Sales of railroad properties are approved by the Legislature.
APPEAL PROCESS	5 VSA §§ 3453 - 3457