



middle level
commissioners

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The Middle Level Commissioners

Private Land Ownership

If you own 100 acres of land or more that is rated by the Middle Level Commissioners, then you are eligible to be a Commissioner. For land in joint ownership, if the area of rated land divisible by the number of owners is 100 acres or greater then all joint owners shall be entitled to act as a Commissioner.

The Middle Level Act 1862 (Clause 60) states that “No person shall be capable of acting as a Middle Level Commissioners until he/she shall have made and signed a claim to act as such.” The claim needs to have been delivered to the clerk at least 24 hours before acting as a Commissioner. Schedule 7 of the Act outlines the ‘Form of Claim and Declaration of Commissioners’.

In addition to the above, any Commissioners who owns 200 acres or rated land can appoint a deputy to act in their absence. Any Commissioners who owns 500 acres or rated land can appoint two deputies to act in their absence. People named as a deputy can only act for one Commissioner at a time.

No person holding a place of profit (from the business of the MLC) can act as a Commissioner or appoint deputies. *For example, an employee of the Middle Level Commissioners cannot be a Commissioner.*

Any person falsely or corruptly making a claim or declaration knowing it to be untrue shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

You will need to inform us if your land ownership reduces to below 100 acres and step down as a Commissioner.

The definitions and clauses within the Middle Level Acts do not reflect modern day arrangements, for example; partnerships, limited companies or overseas investors. You will need to consider how your specific arrangements fit.

Reasonable assurance checks of eligibility will be undertaken.

If you wish to declare yourself a Commissioner and/or identify one or two deputies, please complete the following:



A. Form of Claim and Declaration of Commissioners

Is the land in joint ownership? YES/NO

Total MLC rated land owned Acres

Number of Joint Owners:

Names of other joint owners eligible to claim and declare as Commissioners are:

ADD NAME(S)

.....

I of (business) in the
county of being a bona fide owner of

..... (ADD TOTAL ACRES OF MIDDLE LEVEL
RATED LAND THAT YOU OWN/YOUR PROPORTION OF JOINT OWNERSHIP) acres of land situate in the
Middle Level liable to be taxed and assessed by the Middle Level Commissioners under the "Middle
Level Act 1862" and the Middle Level Acts therein recited, or some or one of them, do claim to act as
a Commissioner under the said Acts: And I do declare that I will faithfully and impartially, according to
the best of my skill and judgement, execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a
Commissioner by virtue of the said Acts or any or either of them.

I own over 200 or 500 acres of rated land and therefore wish to nominate:

One deputy YES/NO/NA Name:

Two deputies YES/NO/NA Name:

I acknowledge that the joint owners and/or deputies identified above will now need themselves to
complete a claim and declaration of Deputy Commissioner and have provided them with Form B for
their completing and submission to the clerk.

Contact Details:

Address	
Phone Number	
Email	

Signed:

Date:

Witness Name:

Witness Signature:

To be returned with Form of Declaration.

To comply with UK Law we need your consent to contact you. By signing this form you are consenting to Middle Level Commissioners holding and processing your information in accordance with the terms of our Privacy Policy (available [here](#)) via the following methods:

I consent to the Middle Level Commissioners staff and Chairman/Vice Chairman contacting me by (tick all that apply)

☐ Post ☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ SMS

I also consent to the Middle Level Commissioners (tick all that apply):

☐ Sharing my contact details with other Commissioners

☐ Sharing my contact details with other members of the Middle Level Board

☐ Sharing my contact details with members of other Internal Drainage Boards and District Drainage Commissioners administered by the Middle Level Commissioners

OR

☐ I do not consent to my details being shared

Where you do not grant consent, we will not be able to use your personal data except in limited situations such as where we are required to do so by law. For example, we will not be able to advise you of forthcoming meetings other than Commissioners meetings. You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting enquiries@middlelevel.gov.uk.

To reduce our environmental impact, documents will be sent via email. Please speak to the office if you require other means of communication.

For Office Use:

Date received by clerk:

Deputies identified by declared Commissioners then need to complete and submit the following:



B. Form of Claim and Declaration of Deputy Commissioner

I (add name of deputy) of (add business) in the county of by virtue of an appointment or authority under the hand of (Commissioner) of (Commissioners' business) in the county of, he/she being the bona fide owner of acres (total acres of Middle Level rated land that the Commissioner owns) acres of land situate in the Middle Level liable to be taxed under the "Middle Level Act 1862" and the Middle Level Acts therein recited, or some or one of them, do claim to act as a commissioner under the said Acts during the pleas of the said (Commissioner): And I do declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a commissioner by virtue of the said Acts, or any or either of them.

Contact Details:

Address	
Phone Number	
Email	

Signed:

Date:

Witness Name:

Witness Signature:

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