

Permit Time Limits and Post-Issuance Actions

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How long is my permit valid?

Permits are typically valid for five (5) years; however, the initiation period expires two (2) years from the date the permit was issued. This means that the permittee has two years from the date of permit issuance to commence work for a permitted activity, and five years to complete work for a permitted activity. If you do not commence work on your project within the two year initiation period or complete work within the five year construction period, your permit is no longer valid.

Can I get an extension for the two year initiation period?

Yes. The initiation period may be extended for an additional two (2) years. To do this you must submit a written request to OCM no less than sixty (60) days and no more than 180 days prior to expiration of the commencement period. Requests received later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of the permit shall be eligible for consideration for extension; however, a permittee who fails to make a timely request for an extension shall not engage in any activity requiring a coastal use permit (CUP) past the original permit expiration date until an extension of the lapsed permit or a new permit is granted.

Can I get an extension for the five year construction period?

Yes. The construction period may be extended for up to a total of three (3) additional years beyond the term for completion from the date of permit issuance. To do this you must submit a written request to OCM no less than sixty (60) days and no more than 180 days prior to expiration of the construction period. Requests received later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of the permit shall be eligible for

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consideration for extension; however, a permittee who fails to make a timely request for an extension shall not engage in any activity requiring a coastal use permit (CUP) past the original permit expiration date until an extension of the lapsed permit or a new permit is granted.

Is there a fee for an extension request?

Yes. There is an \$80 non-refundable extension request fee that should be included with your written request for an extension. If the appropriate fees are not included along with the request for an extension, then the request will be considered incomplete and returned to the permittee.

What do I need to do if my extension request involves modifications?

Extension requests involving modifications to a permitted activity and would result in greater impacts to the environment than the previously permitted activity will be considered new applications rather than extension requests. Extension requests involving modifications to a permitted activity which would result in identical or lesser impacts to the environment than the previously permitted activity may be considered as extension requests. These requests must contain adequate information (such as drawings, maps, etc.) to support and explain the proposed modifications.

My permit expired last year and no extension was granted. Can I still extend it?

No. You must submit a coastal use permit application for any uncompleted work. This application will be processed as a new application.

I have a letter from the Office of Coastal Management dated three (3) years ago that says I do not need a permit, but it also says that the determination is only valid for two (2) years, what do I need to do?

You should submit a coastal use permit application for any uncompleted work because there may have been changes to the law, impacted habitats, environment, etc. which may change the determination.

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How do I transfer a permit?

A permit transfer form and instructions are available on the internet at http://dnr.louisiana.gov/assets/OCM/permits/Transfer_FORM.doc

If you do not have internet access, contact us at 1-800-267-4019 and we can mail you a copy.

Can I transfer an expired permit?

Yes. Be aware that:

- 1) Expiration of a permit does not eliminate the need to comply with all permit conditions (especially as it relates to mitigation, maintenance activities, and the maintenance of mitigation activities)
- 2) Any additional work, maintenance, or completion of unfinished components will require a new permit.

If I start/complete a project without a permit, what will happen to me?

Processing of any permit that may be pending for the project will be suspended until the violation is resolved. You may be required to remove any structures installed and restore any impacted habitat. You may be subject to fines of up to \$12,000 and may be put in jail for up to 6 months.

The resolution of any Section 404/10 violations with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is handled through a separate process and can be significantly more expensive and more complicated.

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