



MINING (TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO SMALL SCALE MINERS) REGULATIONS 2025

Empowering Tanzania's Small-Scale Mining Sector

INTRODUCTION

On 25 April 2025, the Government of Tanzania, through the Ministry of Minerals, enacted the Mining (Technical Support to Small Scale Miners) Regulations, 2025 (Government Notice No. 260 of 2025).

These regulations provide a formal framework for delivering technical support to holders of Primary Mining Licences (PMLs) with the aim of:

- Improving safety and technical skills
- Ensuring environmental compliance
- Promoting sustainable practices
- Formalising the small-scale mining sector

Note: The official regulations are currently available only in Kiswahili. This summary is based on an internal interpretation.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Technical Support Agreement (TSA):

A formal contract between a PML holder and a Technical Support Provider.

Technical Support:

Specialised equipment, expertise, or knowledge (not available locally) used for mineral exploration, extraction, or processing, as defined under Section 8(3) of the Mining Act, Cap. 123 of 2010.

Technical Support Provider:

A licensed individual or entity qualified to deliver technical assistance under the Mining Act and TA Regulations.

© OBJECTIVES OF THE TA REGULATIONS

- **Strengthen small-scale miners' operational capacity**
- **Encourage safe and compliant mining activities**
- **Enable structured partnerships with qualified providers**
- **Support national initiatives to formalize the sector**

WHO CAN PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

Foreign providers are allowed only when the Mining Commission, with advice from the Resident Mines Officer, confirms that the expertise is unavailable in Tanzania. Local Content Rules (GN No. 3 of 2018)

All mineral rights holders must:

- Prioritize local companies
- Form joint ventures if goods/services are not available locally
- Ensure the Tanzanian partner owns at least 20% equity

Ensure:

- o 20% Tanzanian shareholding
- o 80% of management roles held by Tanzanians
- o 100% of non-managerial roles held by Tanzanians

DISQUALIFICATIONS

A provider is ineligible if:

- Bankrupt or under insolvency proceedings
- Convicted of fraud, dishonesty, or mining law violations in the last 10 years (Tanzania or abroad)

To be approved by the Mining Commission, TSAs must:

- Be written (Kiswahili or English)
- Cover up to 10 tenements in the same area
- Be valid for a maximum of 3 years (renewable up to 10 years total)
- Follow Tanzanian laws and local content rules
- Be registered with the Mining Commission

Foreign nationals must not operate in mining areas without authorization from Immigration and the Mining Commission.

OVERSIGHT & COMPLIANCE

The Mining Commission, supported by its Zonal and Regional Offices, is responsible

for implementation. Duties include:

- ☒ Inspecting mining sites
- ☒ Monitoring TSA execution
- ☒ Deploying technical support teams
- ☒ Collaborating with academic institutions and private sector experts

Conclusion

The 2025 TA Regulations are a milestone in formalizing Tanzania's small-scale mining sector. They provide clarity, structure, and enforcement—laying the foundation for safer, more productive, and more professional mining operations.

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