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# Decree establishing administrative facilities to regularize concession and allocation titles granted to the national water users indicated

On October 28, 2025, a decree was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation establishing administrative facilities to regularize concession and allocation titles granted to national water users.

## What is the purpose of this decree?

Conagua implemented a review process of the concession, allocation, and permit regime granted by the institution. This review confirmed that, despite previous facilitation decrees, there remains a high incidence of expired titles or titles whose extension was not requested within the timeframe established by law. The status of these titles has not been regularized, resulting in a lack of control over the water inventory and a scenario conducive to irregular use.

## Who benefits from this?

This decree allows the regularization of concession titles for:

- i) Domestic use, agricultural use, livestock use, aquaculture use, with a maximum concession volume of 500,000 cubic meters annually.
- ii) Urban public use in favor of federal entities and municipalities that exercise it directly, with no volume limit.

## Which titles qualify for regularization?

For a title to be eligible for regularization, it must meet all the following requirements:

- Expiration date: between October 1, 2017, and March 1, 2025
- Extension status: the extension was not requested on time, or was submitted outside the legal timeframe
- Registration: the title is registered or has a precedent in the Public Registry of Water Rights

## Deadline for submitting the application

Interested concessionaires or assignees have a period of six months from the publication of the decree to submit the required documents.

Applications submitted outside the established timeframe will be inadmissible.

This means they have until April 28, 2026, to submit their application. There are no exceptions.

## Required documentation

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To make an application under this decree, the following must be submitted:

- i) A written request to be considered under the decree, stating under oath that:
  - » They are the owner or possessor of the properties where the works are located
  - » They have not transferred ownership of the property, concession, or allocation
  - » They have ensured the works are properly equipped and operational for the exploitation, and use of national waters
  - » They consent to electronic notification, providing an email address for this purpose
- ii) Those who have debts or have not submitted their declarations must sign a compliance letter committing to regularize their situation.
- iii) The volumes extracted during the last two years of the use to be regularized.
- iv) A copy of the expired concession or allocation title.
- v) Proof of payment of fees in accordance with Article 192, Section I, of the Federal Law on Fees, except for cases provided for in Article 192-D of the same regulation.

## Where to submit the documentation

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The aforementioned documentation must be submitted in the modules set up by the authority for this purpose or through Conagua's electronic systems for receiving applications, which can be accessed at <https://venta-nilladigital.conagua.gob.mx/auth/login>

## Requirements for the regularization to be successful

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Conagua will regularize concessions or allocations of national waters, provided that it is proven that the works for the exploitation or use of national waters have been operating and have been properly equipped to do so for the last two years, counted from the date of publication of this decree.

Titles regularized under the facilities established in this decree will be subject to the conditions established therein. Under no circumstances may they be subject to a change in the water use for which they are requested.

## Cases in which regularization would not be successful

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Regularization of the concession or allocation of national waters will not proceed when:

a) The petitioner does not meet the conditions established in the decree b) The established requirements are not met c) A partial or total transfer of rights procedure has been initiated d) There is an administrative revocation or extinction procedure prior to the publication date of the decree e) There is a marginal registration that prevents its extension f) The concession or allocation titles have been extinguished due to resignation or causes

attributable to the concessionaire or assignee and the resolution has not been challenged, or if challenged, the means of defense has been definitively resolved in favor of Conagua *g*) A lawsuit or any means of defense related to the respective concession or allocation is in process, unless the applicant proves their withdrawal.

## Special cases: titles of deceased persons

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Concession titles whose holders have died may be regularized under the terms of this decree, provided that their beneficiaries prove succession rights.

## Inspection powers

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Conagua reserves the right to exercise, at any time, the powers of inspection and verification of the concessions or allocations it grants. If the water authority detects during its inspection visits a use different from that granted, the corresponding penalties will be imposed in accordance with applicable legal provisions.

## Validity of the decree

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This decree entered into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation and will be valid for six months from the date of publication.

## Context of the decree

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The National Development Plan 2025-2030 addresses the organization of concessions and the transfer of water rights, highlighting the importance this government has given to the protection of water resources, as well as the need for a comprehensive strategy to prevent overexploitation and hoarding.

Transparency in water management and the organization of concessions and allocations, as well as permits related to this resource, is crucial to achieving the objectives of the current administration.

## Recommendations

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- Review and corroborate whether your titles expired between October 2017 and March 2025, and whether you did not request extensions in time.
- Gather your documentation, especially that related to the volumes extracted from the last two years, as well as a copy of your expired titles.
- Act promptly as you have only six months from October 28, 2025. Applications submitted after April 28, 2026 will not be accepted.
- Regularize your pending obligations, especially if you have outstanding debts or declarations, in which case you must sign a letter of compliance committing to regularize your situation.
- Verify the status of your works, as it will be necessary to prove that they have been operating and have been properly equipped for the last two years.

At **Pérez Llorca**, we are committed to supporting you throughout the entire process of applying for this benefit. Our team is able to act promptly and efficiently to ensure full compliance with all requirements established by Conagua, helping you meet the deadlines and successfully regularize your water concession or allocation title.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with the regularization process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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