

## **“Criteria for purchasing habitable lands for the earthquake victims, 2074 (2017)”**

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1. **Short name and commencement:** The name of this criteria shall be “Criteria for purchasing habitable lands for the earthquake victims, 2074”. This criteria shall be in force from 05 June 2017, the day when it was approved by the NRA Executive Committee.
2. **Identification of the beneficiaries:** The beneficiaries list shall be as per the *Grant disbursement procedures for private houses, 2074 (2017), 1<sup>st</sup> revision*.
3. **Need to apply to purchase a plot of land:** The beneficiary must apply to the Secretariat of the NRA District Coordination Committee or authorized office, providing the details of the proposed land, if they want to purchase a plot of land for relocation. The template of the application form has been included in the Schedule section.
4. **Issues and recommendations that needs to be disclosed in the application:** Prior to purchasing the land, the beneficiary must disclose the land owner’s name and address, address of the land, area of the land and the plot number while submitting the application. When applying as per point 3, a recommendation issued by the local authority mentioning the lack of land or lack of appropriate/safe land in other places must be attached.
5. **For joint families owning habitable lands:** Beneficiaries or their families who own habitable land/s (elsewhere) shall not be eligible for this grant. Beneficiaries or their families who do not own land/s or habitable land/s elsewhere in Nepal must sign a statement saying that they or their families do not own safe habitable lands before purchasing the land. If the statement is found to be false in the future, then legal actions shall be taken against them as per the prevailing laws.
6. **Area of the land to be purchased:** The plot area must be bigger than the minimum plot area recommended by the government.
7. **Need to disclose the location of the land:** The beneficiary must disclose whether the land falls in their own Village and Municipality or the adjoining Municipality or District.
8. **Role of the Secretariat or the authorized office:** The Secretariat or the authorized office must check and verify if the person is a beneficiary and if s/he is eligible for the grant before verifying the land purchase. The grant shall be disbursed only if the purchase has been done in this manner.

9. **Release of the grant to authorities:** The NRA shall release the grant to the Secretariat of District Coordination Committee or authorized office based on the number of eligible beneficiaries in the respective district.
10. **Provision of grant to applicant:** Based on the approved letter from the Secretariat and the copies of the grant approval letter and land ownership certificate, the Secretariat or the authorized office shall provide the grant not exceeding 2 lakh Nepali rupees.
11. **Ownership of the land:** The land purchased as per this procedure, shall be jointly owned by the couple. This point shall not apply for a single person.
12. **Requirement to start constructing the house:** After purchasing the land, beneficiaries must begin constructing their houses within three months. They shall receive the housing grant in three tranches.
13. **Transfer of ownership:** The ownership of purchased land cannot be transferred for 10 years from the date of purchase.
14. **Requirement to leave the current land:** Beneficiaries who purchase lands as per this provision shall not be allowed to live in the current hazard prone, government, public or forest lands.
15. **Disagreements while executing this provision:** If there are any disagreements while executing these criteria, the provisions mentioned in the *Grant disbursement procedures for private houses, 2074 (2017), 1<sup>st</sup> revision* and *Procedures for the relocation and rehabilitation of hazard-prone settlements, 2073 (2017)* shall apply.

**Schedule – 1**  
**(Related to point 3)**

Respected Office Chief,  
National Reconstruction Authority  
Secretariat of the District Coordination Committee

Subject: Request for the grant amount.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Based upon the geo survey report, my land/s are in an unsafe location and neither me nor any member of my family own any other land elsewhere in Nepal. Based on point 1 of Schedule-1 of the *Grant disbursement procedures for private houses, 2074 (2017), 1<sup>st</sup> revision* and the *Procedures for the relocation and rehabilitation of hazard-prone settlements, 2073 (2017)*, I would like to voluntarily relocate to a new place. Therefore, I request you to provide the grant amount as per the procedures.

**Details of the Applicant**

1. **Name:** Age:  
Father's Name: Grandfather's Name:
2. **Address of the applicant as per the previous provision:**
  - (a) District: (c) Ward no.:
  - (b) Municipality/VDC: (d) Tole:
  - (e) Current Municipality/Rural Municipality and Ward number:
3. **Current Address after being displaced:**
  - (a) District: (c) Ward no:
  - (b) Municipality/Rural Municipality (d) Tole:
4. **If the beneficiary has already been listed in the beneficiary list:**
  - (a) Name of the beneficiary:
  - (b) Survey Slip number:
5. **Details of the location where you'd like to be relocated voluntarily:**
  - (a) District: (b) Municipality/Rural Municipality:
  - (c) Ward number: (d) Tole:
  - (e) Name of the landowner: (f) Sheet No./Plot No.:
  - (g) Area: (h) Nature of ownership:
  - (i) Price: (j) Has the land owner given consent or not:
6. **Recommendation from the local body:**
  - (a) Recommendation from the current local body confirming no other land in Nepal is owned by the applicant.

- (b) Recommendation from the current local body confirming no other habitable land in Nepal is owned by the applicant.
- (c) Recommendation from the new local body confirming there are no issues with the land that has been proposed to be purchased by the applicant.

**7. Verify if the proposed land is suitable for habitation (To be filled by the office only)**

I hereby declare that the above information is true. Whereupon information is deemed as false I shall be willing to face any legal actions.

Applicant

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