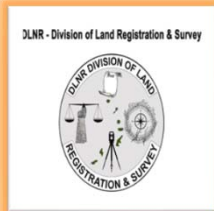


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## Department of Lands & Natural Resources

### Division of Land Registration & Survey

The Division of Land Registration and Survey is mandated by three (3) Public Law in the CNMI.

- **Public Law 3-79:** To establish an independent Land Registration & Survey for the registration of Land, to provide procedures for disputed claims, to repeal sections 101 through 120 title 67 of the Trust Territory Code, and for other purposes on Pre-War Properties.
- **Public Law 1-8:** Regulations Governing land Surveys in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- **Public Law 3-74:** To Provide for the transfer of title in real property homestead during a marriage to surviving spouse, and for other purpose.

#### Division of Land Registration and Survey – Functions and Mandate

- Conducting surveys of pre-war properties and government lands
- Issuing Certificates of Title
- Holding hearings on disputed land claims
- Reviewing all maps for clearance and approval
- Providing land documents and map-related information
- Inputting land data into AutoCAD/CPI (Mapping) systems and scanning land records
- Preserving all land documents and maps

The Division proceeds on a systematic geographical basis to:

- Promptly complete the registration of all lands within the Commonwealth
- Prioritize the survey of pre-war properties to which the Trust Territory Government issued ownership determinations without actual surveys
- Scan and digitize all original land records and maps
- Continuously maintain, update, and upgrade CNMI land parcel data

The DLRS is composed of four main sections:

- \* **Director & Administration**
- \* **Land Registration Team (LRT) Chairperson**
- \* **Research Section**
- \* **Survey Section**

Our Division operates on a daily schedule guided by none or zero operation measures and a strong commitment to service. We are always ready to provide professional and efficient services to our community — including the general public, government agencies, private companies, and CNMI-licensed private surveyors.

## Documents & Maps CNMI

### Mapping

<b>MAPPING</b>	<b>10, 445</b>
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#### *LAND DOCUMENTS*

SAIPAN	
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TITLE DETERMINATION	<b>684</b>
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AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD	<b>870</b>
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EXCHANGE AGREEMENT	<b>585</b>
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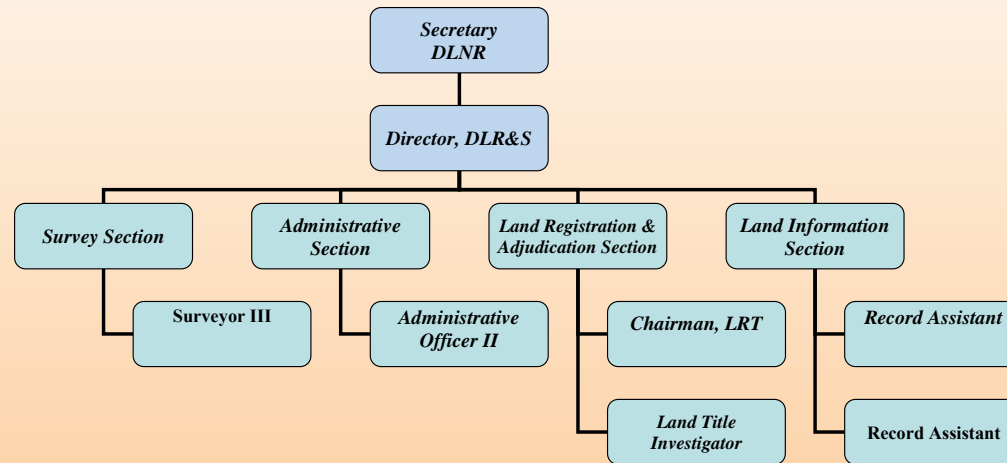
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## DLR&S \*Daily Operation





The Divisions of Land Registration and Survey are comprised of four key sections:

**Survey Section**

The Survey Section prioritizes the surveying of pre-war properties, a responsibility that began in 1969 with the inception of the former Land Commission. This work continues today as the Division's primary mandate, pursuant to Public Law 3-79.

**Land Registration & Adjudication Section**

This section is tasked with completing the registration and titling of all pre-war lands within the Commonwealth and resolving new and late land claims, in accordance with Public Law 3-79.

**Land Information Section**

The Land Information Section manages all land documents and maps. It organizes and updates land data, files all incoming land documents, and maintains a dedicated server to store and manage all record data. This section also provides convenient public access to land records through reproduction services and a self-service research area.

**Administration Section**

The Administration Section is responsible for ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of the Division. It provides structural support across all sections, managing human resources, budgets, internal records, and overseeing administrative staff to ensure effective performance and compliance.

## DLRS FY'25 Budget Review

### Division of Land Registration & Survey (DLR&S) – FY2025 Budget Summary

**Public Law Reference:** Public Law 24-01

**Total Authorized FTEs:** 11 Employees: 7 Active Employees

**Vacant Positions:** 4 FTEs (Budgeted at **\$1.00** each Title)

#### Personnel Budget

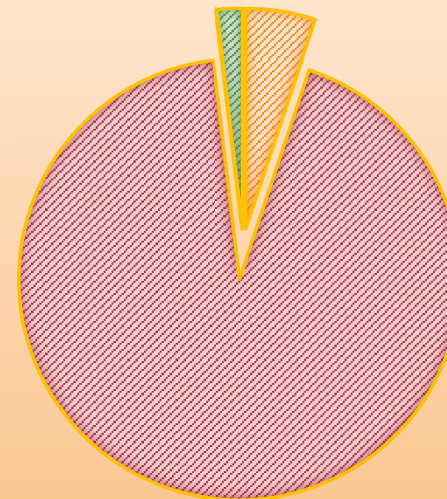
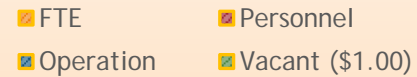
- Total Personnel Salaries: \$238,833
- Total with Fringe Benefits: \$241,221
- Coverage: 100% funded under Public Law 24-01
- Impact of Austerity Measures:  
No direct operational impact despite a 10% personnel budget cut  
DLRS operations remain unaffected.

#### Operational Budget

- FY2025 Additional Request: \$26,462
- Approved Amount: \$0.00 (0% funded)
- Outcome: Request not approved due to budget constraints

#### Additional Requests

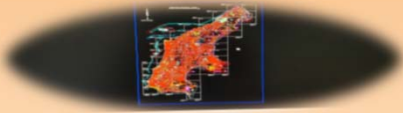
- DLRS has requested new FTEs to support operations
- Due to budget limitations, no new positions were approved for FY2025



# What's Next DLR&S? Future Challenges

## Faced & Strategies

- ▶ The Division of Land Registration & Survey is collaborating with Turn Key Solution Company to design Imagery for Saipan Land Parcels and Data to be implemented for the use of a more advance and organize Land Information System but to no avail.
- ▶ The Division of Land Registration & Survey have over 10,500 original maps & 13,000 Land Documents that needs to be digitize into a e-recording system for safety and networking system for updates all land data.
- ▶ New Networking System for faster and reliable Data information on Land Records and Maps for providing services to the public and private businesses.
- ▶ Request to Create Revolving Fund for Division of Land Registration & Survey Research Section on Charges of xerox copying and requested emails Land Maps and Documents.
- ▶ Relocating or New Office DLRS Office for a more spacious, safety workplace, and cleaner environment.
- ▶ DLRS Files and Maps are station in two location Garapan (CAO) and MIHA (Container)
- ▶ New Building or Relocation concern with the Safety and Health of Customers and Employees (DLRS Office).
- ▶ Division of Land Registration & Survey been sending staff with customers to print copies of maps and documents at a private company upon request.
- ▶ Division of Land Registration & Survey has no privacy on telecommunication conversation and Land Owners complaints, conducting interviews and important issue for employees and customers in the Divisions.



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