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Dear ,

We write further to your request, received 21 April 2026, which states:

"Please can you tell me:

A) how many applications for first registration are currently active?

B) what is the current average length of time from initial application to the supply of a finalised certificate?

C) how many applications are over one year old and still active?

D) please outline the five oldest active applications and state briefly why they are taking so long to be determined?

E) what percentage of the IOM has now been first registered?

Thank you."

Our response to your request is as follows:

A) how many applications for first registration are currently active?

At close of business on Friday 24 April 2026, there were 243 applications for first registration awaiting registration.



B) what is the current average length of time from initial application to the supply of a finalised certificate?

The Land Registry is not currently able to confirm the average length of time it takes for an application to be registered.

Prior to October 2025, the Registry published performance data on the publicly available Land Registry dashboard where this very sort of question would have been answered, even down to the different types of application for any given period. Following an upgrade to the Land Registry system in October 2025, technical difficulties in obtaining the information arose which has meant the dashboard cannot be updated at the current time. Work to resolve the issue is actively underway but there is no timeframe for when the issues will be resolved. However, the Land Registry remains fully committed to being totally transparent and will, as soon as it is able, ensure the dashboard is updated so that the answers to questions posed such as those in this request can again be, wherever possible, viewed freely at any time.

Please see the link here:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaNTI2MWU4YmQtNWlyYS00ODM2LTg2ZWItMmM2YzgyY2Y5NmZlIiwidCI6IjM5YzAwODM2LWVkbMTItNDhkYS05Yjk3LTU5NGQ4MDhmMDNINSIsImMiOiI9>

Information on the average time taken to register applications for first registration in the past is still available via the Land Registry dashboard. It shows:

- in July 2024, the time elapsed between receiving an application for first registration and issuing the Title documents was 94 days (approximately 3 months)
- in Jan 2025, the average time had reduced to 64 days (approximately 2 months)
- in July 2025, the average time reduced further to 59 days (still approximately 2 months).

The average times shown above include time that elapses when the matter is outside of the Registry's control. In practice, it is common for the Land Registry to raise defects or other enquiries on an application with the lodging advocate. Until such time as the advocate provides the requested information or clarification, the application is held as pending. The time it takes for the information to be provided or clarified will obviously vary from case to case.

Again, the Registry has always been transparent with this information in the past (you will see page 2 of the dashboard shows details of all applications the Land Registry had as at 6 August 2025, together with details of when they had been received, their status and the application type all shown) and will be again as soon as the IT issues currently preventing this information being published are resolved.

Applications can also be viewed via the Land Registry TitleLocator:

<https://manngis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2774436daaac4f82ad5bfc40742da71b>.

Applications are outlined in blue on the map when you zoom in to an area, and when you select an application you are presented with the opportunity to view or purchase the application documents – although the user has to create an account on the Online Service to purchase the documents, there is no fee payable to view the application documents (as presented).

C) how many applications are over one year old and still active?

Four applications are over one year old and still awaiting registration. The oldest one is an application for a rectification relating to boundaries. The other 3 applications are first registration applications.

D) please outline the five oldest active applications and state briefly why they are taking so long to be determined?

Details of the five oldest applications in the Land Registry, with brief reasons of the issues with each, are set out in the table below.

Please note that not all applications received in the Land Registry are first registration, some are rectification applications such as asking for amendment of property boundaries and 2 of the 5 listed below are boundary rectification applications.

Application Number	Date Received	Nature of Application	Reasons for delay in determination
20253002	15/02/2024	Rectification	This application requests rectification of the property boundary to remove some areas of land. It is objected to by the applicants of a neighbouring property 20253003. The parties are in dispute as to the correct boundary.
20253003	14/03/2024	Voluntary First Registration	This application requests voluntary registration of the property abutting 20253002. This application would require the consent of the owner of 20253002 to remove the disputed



			area. The parties are in dispute as to the correct boundary
20253006	04/12/2024	First Registration	This application was objected to on the basis that the title is disputed. It is currently awaiting a response from the submitting advocate.
20253008	11/04/2025	Voluntary First Registration	This application borders the application 20253006 and there is a possibility of boundary overlap. As such its progress is dependent on the progress of 20253006.
202530017	05/06/2025	Boundary Rectification	This application is to rectify the boundaries of a property. The rectification would require the consent of a neighbour. The parties are in dispute and the matter has now been placed with the Land Commissioner.

E) what percentage of the IOM has now been first registered?

As at 21 April 2026, 28.59% of the total land area of the Isle of Man had been registered in the Land Registry. In terms of the area measured by hectares, the percentages equate to 16,359.6 hectares.

Whereas much of the Island remains unregistered, since mid-2020 the majority of land transactions received in the Land Registry each month relate to transfers of registered land (as opposed to applications for compulsory first registration). This means the majority of land that trades frequently is now registered with the Land Registry.

Please quote the reference number 5460329 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of

our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely



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