

## New Security Features for NSW Certificates of Title

### What is a Certificate of Title?

A Certificate of Title (CT) is a copy of the related Folio of the Torrens Land Title Register that is issued by the Registrar General to the registered proprietor, mortgagee or chargee. A current edition of a CT will normally detail title information including the name/s of the owner/s, the Lot/Plan numbers and other registered interests in the title such as mortgages, easements and covenants.

### Why a new Certificate of Title?

The availability of inexpensive scanning and printing technology has contributed to an increasing incidence of identity fraud worldwide. Given this context, it is good security practice to introduce these new CT security features.

The new format CT is being introduced in January 2004, with a number of security features to support identification of an authentic CT. The new security features include a Certificate Authentication Code, an embossed silver foil seal, a watermark, fine-line background printing, document numbering and light-sensitive ink areas.

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# Security Features - What to look for

## Raised and embossed silver foil seal

The silver foil seal shows an outline of the State of New South Wales, with the words "Certificate of Title" around the top edge of the seal and "New South Wales" around the lower edge. When an authentic CT is photocopied or scanned, the silver foil appears black on the copy.



## New South Wales Coat of Arms

This is printed in colour and when viewed under ultraviolet light, a fluorescent halo-type circle appears around the NSW Coat of Arms. This is the only area of an authentic Certificate that fluoresces under ultraviolet light (unless the document has been treated with or contaminated with chemicals).

## Background printing

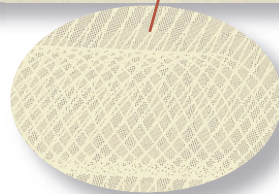
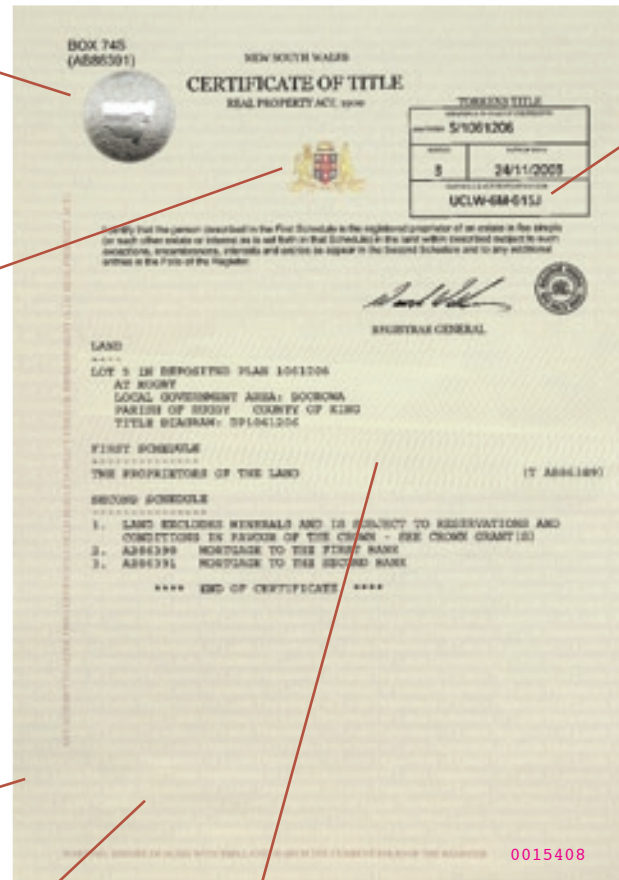
"Department of Lands" is printed as a fine-line background across the front page of the CT, except for the cheque screen box in the centre of the document. When an authentic CT is photocopied or scanned, the word "COPY" appears in vertical columns through the patterned background.

## Look for the watermark

When an authentic CT is held up to the light, a watermark showing the words "Certificate of Title" is visible under the other printing. The complete watermark appears at least twice on an authentic CT, at an angle of approximately 33 degrees to the horizontal page border.

## Cheque screen microprinting

When observed through a magnifying glass, the micro-printed cheque screen background (over which the Land Description and First Schedule of the CT are printed) shows a clearly and sharply defined pattern of different sized dots and spaces.



## Certificate Authentication Code

This randomly generated number acts as a unique document identifier. It is verifiable on-line through the Department of Lands website and through the Department of Lands' authorised information brokers.

## Feel the silver seal embossed on the front page

You can feel the textured area through the paper where the silver foil seal is embossed on the front of the CT.

## Certificate of Title printing on reverse side

"Certificate of Title" is printed vertically in rust coloured ink on the left and right sides.

