

APPLICATION FOR VENOMOUS SNAKE ENDORSEMENT



Government of South Australia
Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

Specialist Keep and Sell Protected Animals (Class 3) SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2017-18

A Specialist Venomous Snakes Endorsement should be obtained with your Specialist Keep and Sell Protected Animals Permit to keep and sell, exchange or give venomous snakes identified in the permit by reference to the species or the class to which they belong.

Please submit this endorsement application and the requested documents jointly with your Specialist Keep and Sell Protected animals permit applications (class 3). Please include the details of the venomous snakes you wish to keep in your application for a Specialist Keep and Sell Protected Animals Permit.

1- Applicant details

Title	Family Name	Given Names

2- Keeping Venomous Snakes

- Applicants wishing to apply for the keeping of venomous snakes must meet all requirements outlined in the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Keep Venomous Snake Policy and Procedure.
- Applicants must be over 18 years of age. Consideration will be given to applicants over 15 years of age where their legal guardian provides a letter supporting the application.
- Access to venomous snakes must be limited to persons authorised by the permit holder (e.g. an employee who has undertaken a recognised course in venomous snake handling) or to persons holding permits with the same endorsement.
- Anyone handling venomous snake must have undertaken a recognised course in venomous snake handling/interaction. An ongoing commitment to ongoing training is encouraged.
- Permit holders must ensure that they minimise the possibility of snakebite to themselves or any other person. Permit Holders must possess suitable first aid equipment for the treatment of snakebite on site where venomous snakes are being held.

3. Endorsement steps

- Endorsements of permits for venomous snakes will commence with the lowest category unless the applicant can provide evidence to support extensive knowledge and experience in the husbandry of a higher level species
- Endorsement to the next level is subject to further application after a minimum of 12 months experience in the husbandry and keeping of venomous snakes has been gained (at a lower level endorsement).

4- Supporting documents

1. Please supply two (2) written references from two people who can attest your ability, knowledge and experience in the handling of venomous snakes.
These referees must hold, or have held, specialist permits authorising the keeping of venomous snakes and be experienced in the husbandry of these animals in South Australia or interstate.
2. Please provide a copy of a certificate or written competency statement to show training you have undertaken to gain experience in handling venomous snakes (e.g. Venomous Snake Handler's Certificate).

3. Please provide a copy of a current senior first aid certificate issued by an approved first aid training provider (e.g. St John or Red Cross). The course undertaken must include a component dealing with snakebite treatment and/or provide evidence of competency certified by a medical practitioner who specialises in this field.
4. Please provide a written emergency response plan which includes procedures for managing any incident involving snake bite (self or others) and snake escape.
5. It is a minimum requirement that all venomous snakes shall be kept in either lockable, escape proof containers or in containers within a lockable and sealed room which prevent unauthorised entry/and or tampering with cages and the escape of snakes. Please provide photos of your lockable, escape proof containers and/or lockable sealed room.

5- Contact Details

Office Address	Opening Hours	Phone and email
Customer Service Centre: Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth Street ADELAIDE SA 5000	Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm	Telephone (08) 8124 4972 Facsimile (08) 8115 5594 Email: dewnrfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au

6- Applicant Declaration

- o I declare that the information enclosed within this application is true and accurate and that the statement of protected animals provided is complete and accurate.
- o I have read and agree to abide by all of the restrictions and conditions of this permit and relevant legislation

Signature of Applicant: **Dated:**

APPLICANTS SHOULD ALLOW 10 WORKING DAYS FOR THE PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION

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Permit No	Class.....	Date Issued	
Approved / Inspected by	Signature	Date	
Comments:			