

Permit to Keep and Sell Protected Animals

(Scientific/Biological Products) (Class 6)

Legislation

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (section 60C)

National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the keeping and selling of wildlife (i.e. native animals) in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* ('the Act') and all Regulations and Proclamations made under the Act. A permit is required to keep more than one native animal listed as a "basic species" (being species listed in schedule 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019*) or keep a "specialist species" (being any native animal that is not listed as Unprotected, Exempt or Basic) as a hobby.

A permit is required to sell or give away any basic or specialist species.

Under the Act it is an offence to take a protected animal from the wild or release to the wild any native animal, whether protected or unprotected, without a permit. Maximum penalty \$2,500 or imprisonment for 6 months.

Permit description

The permit entitles the holder to keep, sell (or give) and use for scientific purposes, or purposes related to the production of biological products, (whether or not for commercial gain), protected animals identified in the permit by reference to their species or other class to which they belong.

Note: This permit also allows the permit holder to breed protected animals that are being kept under this permit. Animals must be held by the permit holder for 6 months prior to selling or gifting unless the animal has been bred by the permit holder.

Animal welfare

The welfare of all animals that are kept in captivity is important to DEW and the treatment of all animals must comply with the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and any applicable code(s) of practice, animal welfare standards, guidelines or procedures where they exist.

How do I apply for a permit?

You will need to [follow these steps](#):

1. Provide all information requested in this application form.
2. Ensure the application declaration is signed and dated.
3. Email the completed form to DEWfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au or post it to:
Fauna Permits Unit,

GPO Box 1782
Adelaide SA 5001

or lodge it in person at one of our offices:

- Adelaide: Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth Street
- Mount Gambier: 11 Helen Street
- Port Augusta: SGIC Building, 9 Mackay Street
- Berri: 3 Wade Street
- Port Lincoln: 86 Tasman Terrace

Fees

A permit fee of \$306.00 is payable \$230.00 for each additional premises to which the permit applies.

A half year fee of \$153.00 is applicable to applications lodged between 1 January – 30 June.

Payment can be made via post or in person by Credit Card, Cheque or Money Order (made payable to the Department for Environment and Water).

Do I need to keep records?

Yes. You must maintain a protected animal's record book and submit an annual fauna stock return 14 days after the expiry of your permit. The record book and return form will be provided upon the granting of a permit.

Further permits may not be granted unless the completed return is submitted.

How long does a permit last?

Permits expire on 30 June annually.

Can the permit be transferred?

No. A permit is not transferable.

Lodging an application

It is important to note the following when lodging an application:

- Lodging an application does not guarantee approval of this permit. You will be contacted if further information is required to complete the assessment.
- You must meet certain criteria before being granted an emu farming permit
- Please allow sufficient time for your application to be assessed. Applicants should allow up to eight (8) weeks for the processing of this application.
- A site inspection is included as a part of the application process. Once your application has been received the Department will be in contact with you to facilitate a time convenient to you.

Will I be required to meet certain criteria as a part of this application?

Yes. Please refer to section's 2, 2A and 2B of the application form.

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Part 1: General information			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Business name / Company or Partnership details			
Location where emus will be held - please supply grid references, Hundred & Section numbers or directions if no street name available			
Additional location(s) where emus will be held - please supply grid reference, Hundred & Section numbers or directions if no street name available			
Business mailing address			
eg. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your contact details			
Business phone number	Mobile number	Email	
Current South Australian wildlife permit(s) held (if none please respond with N/A)			
Permit name/type		Permit number	
Group(s) of animals you intend to keep			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reptiles <input type="checkbox"/> Birds <input type="checkbox"/> Mammals			

Species endorsements		
Please nominate the species endorsements that you are applying for under each group (note specialist permits must include endorsements for the specialist species you are wishing to buy/sell):		
Prior convictions		
Have you or any of your employees who will be involved in running the business ever been convicted of or expiated or fined for an offence against the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972</i> , the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> or other environment legislation interstate and/or overseas? If yes, please provide details below		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence	Year	State/ Territory
Declaration by applicant		
I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement. I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.		
Signature of applicant		Dated
Method of Payment		
Please nominate you're preferred method of payment:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque/Money Order* <small>*Please make payable to the Department for Environment and Water and attach to this application form</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash * <small>* Cash payments can only be made in person at a local DEW office.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card* <small>* A Fauna Permits Officer will contact you upon receipt of your application to obtain card details</small>

Part 2: Assessment

DEW will issue permits to suitably qualified persons where they can demonstrate that they meet the application criteria, pass a site inspection and is able to provide evidence of the following upon request.

Number	Question	Yes	No
2.1	Do you have previous experience in the husbandry of the group of species you have nominated to keep?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Are you familiar with the rules and regulations relating to the keeping and selling of native species in South Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.3	I have attached 2 written references in support of my application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Part 2A: Criteria to be met (prior to a decision on the granting of a permit)

Please demonstrate how you meet the following application criteria for the species endorsements you have requested (Please attach additional pages if required):

- Experience in the care and handling of the relevant species of animals (ie, reptiles, birds or mammals) under an equivalent or lower class of permit (ie. Basic permit to keep and sell protected animals (Hobbyist/Recreational) – Class 1). The Department may take into account permits previously held by applicants interstate or experience gained from keeping exempt or exotic species without a permit provided the species kept and the experience gained is relevant to the species the applicant is applying for.
- An understanding of species specific husbandry requirements including details of enclosures, behavioural enrichment, hygiene, diet, ability to identify, treat and prevent illness, security etc.

Part 2B: Criteria to be met (prior to a decision on the granting of a permit) – Venomous Snakes Only

DEW will issue endorsements for venomous snakes to suitably qualified persons where they can demonstrate that they meet the application criteria, pass a site inspection and are able to provide evidence of the following upon request.

Number	Question	Yes	No
2.1	Do you currently, or have you previously held Permit endorsed for venomous snakes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Do you have a current first aid certificate issued by an approved first aid training provider (eg St John or Red Cross) which includes a component dealing with snakebite treatment; or A letter of competency certified by a medical practitioner who specializes in this field?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Do you have a written emergency response plan which includes procedures for managing any incident involving snake bite (self or others) and snake escape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Are you familiar with the rules and regulations relating to the keeping of venomous snakes in South Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	I have attached two (2) written references from people who can attest my 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).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>