

Information You Need To Know

IMPORT PERMIT – Wildlife

(including live animals, eggs and taxidermy)

Legislation

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (Section 59)
National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the keeping and selling of native wildlife 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 import protected animals, or the carcasses or eggs or specimens of protected animals, into South Australia.

Under the Act it is an offence to import a protected animal without a permit. Maximum penalty \$2000.

Permit Description

The permit entitles the holder to transport into the State of South Australia (import), a protected animal, or the carcass or egg of a protected animal.

Policy statement

Regulating the movement of protected animals enables the Department to ensure that protected animals have been legally acquired, and to assist with safeguarding against biosecurity risks (e.g. disease prevention).

Animal welfare

The welfare of all native animals is important to DEW and the treatment of native 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.

Can the permit be transferred?

No. A permit is not transferable.

Will a permit be guaranteed?

Lodging an application does not guarantee approval and the issuing of a permit. You will be contacted if further information is required to complete the assessment.



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How long will it take to assess an application?

Please allow sufficient time for your application to be assessed. Assessment and approval of this application may take up to five (5) working days.

Fees

There are no fees applicable to this permit.

Do I need to keep records?

Yes, if you are the holder of a section 58 permit you must record any imports in your record book.

How long does a permit last?

This permit expires one month from the date of issue or immediately after the permit holder has taken delivery of the protected species.

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Requirements for containers for transport

Containers must, in the case of a live animal, protect the animal from injury, prevent escape, resist interference and provide adequate air flow. In the case of a carcass or egg, it must protect against damage or deterioration and interference.

If the container is being transported by the permit holder or someone authorised by the permit holder, the container must be labelled with the permit number. If the container is being transported by a third party (e.g. courier) the container must be labelled with:

- name and residential or business address of the owner of the animal, carcass or egg, and
- number of the import permit, and
- common name of the animal (or carcass or egg) being transported and the number of them in the consignment, and
- if the animal is dangerous or a biological hazard, that its container is to be labelled as such.

Disposal

Imported animals, carcasses or eggs must not be sold, given or disposed of for 6 months, unless with approval from the Director or a warden, or unless subject to a Class 2 Keep and Sell Protected Animals (Fauna Dealer) permit or a Class 12 Emu Farming Permit. In the case of these permits, disposals may be made after 7 days of importation.

