

# Emu Farming Permit

## 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.

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—

- a) to take an emu, or the eggs of an emu, from the wild or to slaughter or destroy in any other manner an emu in captivity; or
- b) to keep an emu or to have possession or control of the eggs of an emu; or
- c) to sell an emu or the carcass or eggs of an emu,

in the course of carrying on the business of farming emus.

## 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](mailto: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 \$493.00 is payable plus \$199.00 for each additional premises to which the permit applies.

A half year fee of \$270.00 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 this application to be processed.
- 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. Refer to part 2 and 2A of the application form

# Application for an Emu Farming Permit

Part 1: General information			
<b>Your personal details</b>			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
<b>Business name / Company or Partnership details</b>			
<b>Location where emus will be held</b> - please supply grid references, Hundred & Section numbers or directions if no street name available			
<b>Additional location(s) where emus will be held</b> - please supply grid reference, Hundred & Section numbers or directions if no street name available			
<b>Business mailing address</b>			
eg. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
<b>Your residential address</b>			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
<b>Your contact details</b>			
Business phone number	Mobile number	Email	
<b>Current South Australian wildlife permit(s) held (if none please respond with N/A)</b>			
<b>Permit name/type</b>		<b>Permit number</b>	
<b>Do you have any emus in your possession?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Please provide the date of purchase, name, address and permit number of the person(s) from whom you obtained these birds:			<input type="checkbox"/> No

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	Are you a member of an Emu Farming Association?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Do you have development approval to conduct Emu Farming on your property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Are you familiar with the Australian Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Husbandry of Captive-Bred Emus?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 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 (please attach additional pages if required):

- Please describe the nature of your farming operations
- Please supply details (including photos) of boundary fencing on your property(s):
  - Height
  - Materials used

- Total area fenced
- Please provide a description and photos of handling facilities
- An understanding of species specific husbandry requirements including hygiene, diet, knowledge of disease including treatment and prevention, security etc.