

APPLICATION FOR SNAKE CATCHERS PERMIT - INDIVIDUAL



Government of South Australia
Department for Environment and Water

Take Protected Animals Permit SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2018-19

A Snake Catchers Permit is a permit issued pursuant to Section 53(1)(d) of the South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 that entitles the holder to capture, translocate, euthanize or take into captivity a venomous snake that has attacked, or is likely to attack or is in a dangerous proximity to, or is causing reasonable anxiety to a person.

This application does not cover applicants who are employed or contracted by a company (other than a snake catching business) who undertakes wildlife management as a part of their employment. Please refer to the "Application for Snake Catcher Permit – Wildlife Management" application form.

Information supplied on this form will enable your application to be processed as prescribed by the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. Your application must be assessed and a permit granted before you can proceed with the proposed activity. Your application may take up to 6 to 8 weeks to process.

Before lodging this application you should be familiar with the requirements of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and Regulations available from the Office of the South Australian Attorney-General's Department website: <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au>.

For inquiries about your application, please call the Fauna Permits Unit on (08) 8124 4942 or email dewfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au

1- Licence Term – Please select only one - All Keep and Sell permits expire 30 June each year

1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Temporary permit
\$55.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A	N/A

2- Applicant details

Title	Family Name	Given Names	
Full residential Address (not a post office box)			Post Code
Full postal Address (Write as above if same as residential address)			Post Code
Phone (Home)	Phone (Mobile)	Phone (Business)	
Email			Date of Birth

Are you the holder of a permit to keep and sell protected animals in South Australia? YES NO
If yes, please write permit number: and expiry date:

3- Eligibility

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.

Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972*, the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* or similar legislation interstate or overseas? If yes, supply details YES NO

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4- Venomous Snake Intervention

- Permits will be issued to suitably qualified persons to achieve one or more of the following objectives:
 - Provision of a service for safe removal of snakes causing a nuisance or danger to any person,
 - Provision of a service to educate the public about venomous snakes and how to live with them,
 - Provision for management of risks to ensure that the integrity of wild populations, natural systems and ecological communities are maintained, or
 - Use of snakes as biological resource within principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- If a snake or reptile is causing anxiety or is in dangerous proximity to any person, a snake catcher may capture the snake or reptile and relocate and release or euthanize the animal. In the case of relocate and release, snake catchers are required to release healthy, uninjured animals within 24 hours, into suitable habitat, as close to the point of capture as practical (preferably within 2kms), away from occupied buildings, (homes, offices, factories, schools etc.). Animals may be euthanized on animal welfare grounds (e.g. if it is injured) or if there is no appropriate release site available.
- Any non-endemic venomous snake or reptile (a snake/reptile which is not native to South Australia) found must not be released back into the wild. Any sightings must be reported to either a regional natural resources centre, NRM Biosecurity or the Pest Alert Hotline. If practical the animals should be captured and a determination will be made whether it will be euthanized or kept in captivity by an approved institution.
- The Venomous Snake Intervention (Snake Catching) Policy and Procedure includes specific conditions relating to taking venomous snakes from the wild. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that they have familiarised themselves with these policies prior to obtaining a permit.

5- Application criteria

Did you hold a South Australian Snake Catcher's Permit last year?

YES NO

- **If yes:**
 - Please attach a copy of your **current senior first aid certificate and/or evidence of your competency certified by a medical practitioner who specialises in this field; and**
 - a copy of your **certificate of currently for Public Liability Insurance** which covers your snake catching activities for personal injury to another person (other than employees) or damage to property owned or controlled by someone else.
- **If no, please complete all areas of this application.**

Have any of your details changed from last year?

YES NO

- **If no, please proceed to Payment and Applicant Declaration:**
- **If yes, please provide details and proceed Payment and Applicant Declaration:**

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Please explain the methods that will be used for catching and handling venomous snakes and how these will be implemented in a manner which minimises the risk of injury to the snake and the risk of bite to the handler.

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Please explain how you propose to transport venomous snakes to minimise the risk or injury to the snake or risk of escape.

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Please explain how you intend to ensure public safety whilst conducting activities associated with venomous snake catching?

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Please provide a list of contacts/networks whom you can refer too in case medical or husbandry advice is required:

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If applicable, nominate which snake catching organisation you are or wishing to be affiliated with:

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6- Supporting documents

1. Please attach a form of photographic identification that clearly states your full name, address and date of birth (ie. driver's license).
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. A copy of your certificate of currency for public liability insurance covering snake catching activities for personal injury to another person (other than employees) and damage to property owned or controlled by someone else.
6. Do you currently hold a Specialist Keep and Sell Permit endorsed for level 2 or 3 venomous snake species?
If yes, no further documentation is required. YES NO
7. If no, please provide evidence of your experience in capturing and handling venomous snakes in the form of a log detailing a minimum of 10 snake call outs undertaken by you under the supervision of a licensed snake catcher, over a period not exceeding 12 months (the log must include the date of each call out, the species of snake caught, the location of each call out and signature and name of the snake catcher whom supervised you on each call out).

To Note:

The intention of the log book is to demonstrate experience catching different species of wild snakes at different locations, at different times of the year.

7- 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: dewfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au

8-Payment

In person at DEW office <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque/Money Order <input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Adelaide:</u> Ground Floor, 81-95 Waymouth St <u>Mount Gambier:</u> 11 Helen St <u>Port Augusta:</u> SGIC Building, 9 Mackay St <u>Berri:</u> 3 Wade St <u>Port Lincoln:</u> 86 Tasman Terrace	Make out to: Fauna Permit Unit Mail: Fauna Permits Unit, GPO Box 1782, Adelaide SA 5001 Fax: (08) 8115 5594 Email: dewfaunapermitsunit@sa.gov.au	For payment via Credit Card please provide a contact phone number for DEW staff to contact you: (____)_____

9- 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 6 to 8 weeks FOR THE PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION

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