

Commercial Wildlife Licence (Macropods)

Information for applicants and licensees, please read carefully.

General

Application forms must be completed in accordance with the information requested on the form. All relevant parts of the application form must be completed before the application can be processed and a licence issued. Please use BLOCK LETTERS.

A separate application must be made for each premises to be a licenced site. One licence will be issued for each site and will state the licensee's name, licensee's address, site address, ABN or ACN number (if a corporation or company application) and person in charge of the site (site manager).

This licence will be sent by certified mail (receipted delivery) to the nominated person in charge of the site, as will any further correspondence. Please ensure you have given the correct details of the person in charge and the exact location.

If the premises are to be licensed in a town area, the street or lot number and street and town name and shire must be provided. If the site is on a property, a GPS position, the distance from the homestead (and the homestead name), property name and shire name must be provided.

A fee applies for any amendments made for example, to change the person in charge or a change to the licensed site location. A fee will not be charged for amendments made in relation to a change of personal address.

Fees

For current macropod licensing fees please visit <www.derm.qld.gov.au> and go to:

Resource centre → Licences, permits and approvals and resource use → Animal licences and permits.

Sites

There are three types of Commercial Wildlife Licences under which macropods can be purchased:

1. Standard

A Commercial Wildlife Licence for dead macropods commonly named a field depot or site licence that allows the holder to buy macropod carcasses and skins from licensed Queensland harvesters at the licensed premises; but not to process carcasses, meat or skins i.e. a licence other than 'meat processing' or 'tanning'.

2. Meat processing

A Commercial Wildlife Licence for dead macropods allowing the holder of the licence to process macropod meat only if the licensed premises for the licence are:

- (a) an accredited place; and
- (b) in the state.

Accredited place means a place stated in an accreditation under the *Food Production (Safety) Act 2000* as the place at which the holder of the accreditation may produce the primary produce stated in the accreditation.

If you are applying for a Commercial Wildlife Licence for a meat processing facility, please submit a relevant copy of your Certificate of Accreditation under the *Food Production (Safety) Act 2000*.

3. Tannery

A Commercial Wildlife Licence for dead macropods allowing the holder of the licence to process macropod skins only if:

- (a) the operations at the licensed premises for the licence are the subject of:
 - (i) an environmental authority under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*; or
 - (ii) a development approval under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*; and
- (b) the licensed premises are in the state.

If you are applying for a Commercial Wildlife Licence with a tanning endorsement, please provide written evidence of the prerequisite requirements listed above.

Applicants wishing to locate a site in a town area may need to obtain local government approval. Please be aware that the commercial wildlife licence does not over-ride local government regulations.

If the application is for a previously licensed site, please include the site code (e.g. ABC-01).

Corporations

If the application is from a corporation, the corporation must have an office in Queensland. The person in charge of the site must be stated on the application form. An executive officer of the corporation must sign application forms in section 9. An executive officer includes a member of the board of directors of the corporation. If a person who is not on the board of directors is required to sign the forms, a letter to the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is required stating the person delegated has the authority to apply for licences on behalf of the corporation. This letter must be signed by an executive officer.

A copy of a certificate of incorporation and return of current directors must be submitted with your application if you are licensing as a corporation/company.

Return of operations (transactions with harvesters)

Commercial Wildlife Licence holders or the relevant person for the licence holder must record harvest details in the Record and Return Book accurately. This includes the zone and shire where the harvest took place, name of species harvested, species sex, quantities, and total weights of each species harvested. When buying skins, the grade must be entered. It is the licence holder's responsibility to ensure that the returns are complete and accurate.

- The Commercial Wildlife Licence Returns are required to be submitted weekly to DERM.
- Return books must not be transferred between licences.
- It is a requirement that record and return books are kept for each licensed site. Once a return book has been issued to a particular site, the book must not be used by any other site or business.

Tags and purchasing non-head-shot (NHS) kangaroos

From 2010, macropod tags became species and zone specific. From 1 January 2011, macropod tags will also be colour-specific for each species for example, a red kangaroo taken in central zone must be tagged with the correct year and colour tag with RED CZ written on it.

In line with the Wildlife Trade Management Plan for Export–Commercially Harvested Macropods 2008-2012, the department has committed to regulate the commercial buying and selling of non-head-shot (NHS) macropods.

From 1 January 2010, it became unlawful to sell, buy, or give away non-head-shot macropods.

General information

Macropod forms and/or information can be downloaded from the DERM website <www.derm.qld.gov.au>.

Any loss of licence or Record and Return Book(s) should be reported to the DERM office in Charleville as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the licence applications, please contact the DERM Charleville office on (07) 4654 4276.

Please note: this document is provided for guidance only. It is not provided in substitution of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, its regulations or the Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2005.