

Requirements to qualify for an advanced class licence

This space tells you what the criteria are for each advanced class of licence. Your application can only be assessed if you have addressed all the criteria for the class or category you are applying for. Use the space on the next page to demonstrate how you meet each criteria.

ADVANCED REPTILE NON VENOMOUS, ADVANCED BIRD AND ADVANCED AMPHIBIAN

1. Be over the age of 18
2. Have at least 2 years experience in the care and handling of the relevant species of animals (ie, reptiles, birds or amphibians) in a lower class of licence
3. For reptile applications, the reptile being sought must be from the same taxonomic group or family of reptiles that you have had care and handling experience previously (eg if you want to keep geckoes in the advanced reptile class, you must have kept geckoes from the basic class first)
4. Can demonstrate you have kept accurate fauna records and complied with the conditions of your licence
5. For Emu Endorsement applications:
 - (a) A minimum area of 1 hectare to be fenced to the standard required for commercial emu farms to contain all emus held under the licence
 - (b) Stocking rate not to exceed two birds per hectare
 - (c) The enclosure holding the emus must not be used for or include an access to the residential premises, right of way, roadway or include the doorways or any other access to the residential dwelling
 - (d) No person may enter the enclosure without the consent of the licensee
 - (e) The licensee is not permitted to sell eggs, egg shells or any part or product derived from emus
 - (f) The prior consent of the Department is required before the disposal or sale of live emus
 - (g) All activities involving the raising, housing, feeding and transport of emus must conform to the standards outlined in the 'Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals- Husbandry of Captive Bred Emus' that was developed by the Agriculture Council of Australia and New Zealand

ADVANCED REPTILE VENOMOUS, CATEGORY 1, 2 or 3

1. Be over the age of 18
2. Have at least 1 years experience in the care and handling of reptiles in a lower category of licence (you will start off in category 1 before applying to progress to category 2 and so on).
3. House your reptiles in lockable escape proof cages in a lockable room
4. Have and maintain a current first aid certificate
5. Have and maintain a current "Emergency Response Plan" to deal with snake emergencies. The plan must include how the licensee proposes to deal with an escaped snake, a snake bite emergency, what first aid equipment is available for the treatment of snake bite, the location of first aid snake bite equipment, location and directions to nearest emergency centre, emergency contact details for ambulance and local emergency hospital as a minimum and the contact details of an experienced reptile handler nearby. The plan must be placed in a readily available place such as on the door of the reptile room
6. Only people with the same category and level of licence should have access to the reptile keeping area
7. Submit two written references from appropriately qualified people who can attest to your ability, knowledge, experience and suitability to possess the reptile you want to keep. Referees should have extensive experience in the handling and/or husbandry of the species proposed to be held and hold the same or a higher class and category of Native Animal Keepers' Licence that you are applying for
8. Can demonstrate you have kept accurate fauna records and complied with the conditions of your licence

CLASS CRITERIA