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The distinction between commercial purposes and recreational purposes has been removed and licences are based on the number of animals you have and your intention to keep, breed or trade them.

Licence options

Licence type	Standard licence	Specialised licence	Advanced licence
Cost for five (5) years	\$59.20	\$316.90	\$682.90
Licence valid for	5 years	5 years	5 years
Animal class allowances	Up to 10 individual Class 1 animals No Class 2 animals permitted	Up to 50 Class 1 and 2 amphibians, birds, and reptiles at any given time. Unlimited protected scorpions and spiders	Unlimited Class 1 and 2 animals Exception: maximum of 50 permitted dangerous snakes unless approved for more
Breeding	No breeding permitted	Breeding permitted within animal limit	Breeding permitted
Trading	Restricted within six (6) months of acquisition	Restricted within six (6) months of acquisition	No restrictions
Online record keeping and movement advice	Yes	Yes	Yes

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	Not permitted	With approval	With approval
Dangerous snakes		New dangerous snake conditions apply. (https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/permit-types/wildlife-licence/native-animal/keeping-dangerous-snakes)	New dangerous snake conditions apply. (https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/permit-types/wildlife-licence/native-animal/keeping-dangerous-snakes)

Overview of native animal licence options

Standard licence:

- Cost for five (5) years is \$59.20
- Up to 10 Class 1 animals
- Class 2 animals not permitted
- Breeding is not permitted
- Trading is restricted within six (6) months of acquisition of the animal
- Online record keeping (replaces hardcopy movement advice and record book)
- Dangerous snakes not permitted

Specialised licence:

- Cost for five (5) years is \$316.90
- Up to 50 Class 1 and 2 amphibians, birds, and reptiles permitted at any given time and unlimited protected scorpions and spiders
- Breeding permitted within animal limit
- Trading restricted within six (6) months of acquisition
- Online record keeping (replaces hardcopy movement advice)
- Dangerous snakes with approval - New dangerous snake conditions apply

Advanced licence:

- Cost for five (5) years is \$682.90
- Unlimited Class 1 animals
- Unlimited Class 2 animals with an exception of maximum of 50 permitted dangerous snakes (unless approved for more)
- Breeding permitted
- No restrictions on trading
- Online record keeping (replaces hardcopy movement advice)
- Dangerous snakes with approval - New dangerous snake conditions apply

Compliance with relevant codes of practice

Licence holders must comply with the standards and requirements of the relevant code of practice. These are:

- [Code of practice – Aviculture \(PDF, 217KB\)](https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0032/89690/cp-wm-aviculture.pdf) (https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0032/89690/cp-wm-aviculture.pdf)
- [Code of practice – Captive Reptile and Amphibian Husbandry \(PDF, 482KB\)](https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/90614/cp-wm-captive-reptile-amphibian-husbandry.pdf) (https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/90614/cp-wm-captive-reptile-amphibian-husbandry.pdf)

Conditions for swap/trade meets

The new licensing system does not require commercial wildlife licences for a temporary bird or reptile meeting/show. Licence holders who attend these shows can engage in trade once they are at the event, subject to their normal licence conditions. Further approvals may be required to move and display animals at these events, depending on the licence type, and the type of

meeting.

A Standard licence holder can only move animals to or from a location where recreational bird or herpetological society meetings, or other sale and swap meets are held with written approval from the Department of Environment and Science (DES). Contact [Permit and Licence Management \(https://www.des.qld.gov.au/contactus\)](https://www.des.qld.gov.au/contactus) or email [PALM@des.qld.gov.au \(mailto:PALM@des.qld.gov.au\)](mailto:PALM@des.qld.gov.au).

A Specialised or Advanced licence holder who is also a member of a recreational bird or herpetological society (e.g. an incorporated association) can take their birds, reptiles (other than a dangerous snake) or amphibians and keep and use the animals at any premises used by the society for a continuous period of no longer than two days.

If a Specialised or Advanced licence holder wants to take their animals to another type of bird or reptile sale/swap meet or wildlife expo, they require written approval from DES. Contact [Permit and Licence Management \(https://www.des.qld.gov.au/contactus\)](https://www.des.qld.gov.au/contactus) or email [PALM@des.qld.gov.au \(mailto:PALM@des.qld.gov.au\)](mailto:PALM@des.qld.gov.au).

All licence holders at these events will be required to display a copy of their licence at the premises used by the society however they may choose to cover their residential details. All normal licence conditions and requirements apply during these events, including animal welfare, trade restrictions and record keeping.

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