



Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

# Animal Dealer (Live Reptile) Licence

*Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

The following licence conditions are current at the time of publication and are subject to change at any time.

## Schedule A: Animal Dealer (Live Reptile) Licence Conditions

### Definitions for the purpose of this class of biodiversity conservation licence and conditions

**Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Animals in Pet Shops** means the Department of Primary Industries' code regulating the keeping and selling of animals through pet shops.

**Animal dealer** means a person who buys, sells or trade in native animals and exercises or carries on the business of an animal dealer at a registered premise associated with an animal dealer licence.

**Commercial Trade of Native Animals Policy** means the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment policy regulating the trade of live native animals in New South Wales.

**Licensee** means the person licensed under this licence to buy, sell or trade in native animals as an animal dealer.

**NPWS** means National Parks and Wildlife Service.

**Registered premises** means premises that are registered under the BC Act and the Regulations at which the licensee can buy, sell or trade in native animals.

**Reptile** means a reptile as defined in Schedule 5 the BC Act.

**Secretary** means the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

**The BC Act** means the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

**The Department** means the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

**The Regulations** means the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017.

### General conditions

1. The licensee must not buy or sell reptiles other than the reptiles the licensee is authorised to buy and sell under this licence (see Attachment 1).
2. The licensee must not buy, sell or trade in native animals on any premises that are not registered premises.
3. The licensee must only acquire a reptile from a person who is licensed to keep that species of reptile.
4. The licensee must sight a customer's licence to keep reptiles before selling a reptile to them.
5. The licensee must accept back any reptile that the licensee has sold should the customer who purchased the reptile no longer want them. This will be at no cost to the customer. There is no obligation on the licensee to pay for such reptiles other than as may be required under the Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Animals in Pet Shops. A notice informing customers of this requirement must be displayed at each registered premise in a conspicuous position.
6. The licensee will ensure that persons operating under the authority of this licence are provided with a copy of the licence and registration certificate and comply with all conditions of the licence and registration certificate.

## Record keeping conditions

7. The licensee must keep at the registered premises an accurate and up-to-date record of all acquisitions (including purchase and breeding), disposals (including sales, deaths and escapes) and movements (including for veterinary treatment) of reptiles held under this licence. The record must include:
  - a) date of acquisition, disposal or movement of reptiles
  - b) species and number of reptiles acquired, disposed of or moved
  - c) name and licence number of the person from whom the reptiles have been acquired and to whom the reptiles have been disposed of, or moved to
  - d) method by which each individual reptile has been acquired or disposed of (e.g. purchased, bred, returned by customer or sold).
8. The licensee must provide to the Wildlife Team, National Parks and Wildlife Service a copy of the records required by clause 6, in an approved electronic format. on 1 July each year and/or at the expiry or cancellation of this licence, or to a NPWS officer when requested.
9. All records required to be kept under this licence must be made available for inspection when so requested by a NPWS officer.

## Animal welfare conditions

10. All reptiles held under this licence must be kept in the care of a person employed at the registered premises who can demonstrate that they have at least three years relevant experience. This means:
  - for dragons, experience with the species or a member of the same genus
  - for skinks, experience with the species or a member of the same genus
  - for geckos, experience with the species or a member of the same the family
  - for pythons, experience with the species or a member of the same genus
  - for turtles, experience with the species or a member of the same family.
11. When a reptile is purchased from the licensee the purchaser must be offered a copy of the *Code of Practice for the Private Keeping of Reptiles*.
12. The licensee must maintain the Department register of persons (see Attachment 2) employed at the registered premises operating under the licence, including at all times, a person or persons with three years relevant experience for the species authorised to trade under this licence.
13. The details on this register of persons must include full name, date of birth, residential address, phone, name of species/ genus responsibility, commencement date, finish date.
14. A copy of the register must be provided to the Wildlife Team within 10 days of this licence being granted.
15. The licensee must update the register and inform the Wildlife Team in writing of any changes in employees operating under the Animal Dealer Licence and Registration Certificate, within 10 business days, of the person starting or ending employment at the registered premises.
16. If at any time the licensee does not have a person employed at the registered premises with experience in a genus to which this licence applies, that genus must not be traded until an experienced person is employed.

**Warning:** It is a licensee's responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with any other statutory or regulatory provisions relevant to this licence such as local council, building and health requirements and codes of practice under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*. On the expiration of your licence the onus is on you, the licensee to renew. While the Department forwards licence renewal notices to licensees, it will not be responsible for the non-receipt of such a notice.

# Attachment 1

## List of live native reptile species permitted to be traded under this licence

Common name	Scientific name	NSW Atlas of Wildlife Code
Smooth Knob-tail Gecko	<i>Nephrurus levis levis</i>	2962
Thick-tailed Gecko	<i>Underwoodisaurus milli</i>	2138
Black-soil Bearded Dragon	<i>Pogona henrylawsoni</i>	2775
Central Bearded Dragon	<i>Pogona vitticeps</i>	2204
Common Blue-tongue Lizard	<i>Tiliqua scincoides</i>	2580
Children's Python	<i>Antaresia childreni</i>	2619
Eastern Small Blotched Python	<i>Antaresia maculosa</i>	2818
Centralian Carpet Python	<i>Morelia bredli</i>	2623
Jungle Carpet Python	<i>Morelia spilota cheynei</i>	5094
Western Carpet Python	<i>Morelia spilota imbricata</i>	5098
Eastern Carpet Python	<i>Morelia spilota mcdowelli</i>	5095
Murray/Darling Carpet Python	<i>Morelia spilota metcalfei</i>	5097
Top End Carpet Python	<i>Morelia spilota variegata</i>	5099
Eastern Snake-necked Turtle	<i>Chelodina longicollis</i>	2017
Murray Short-Necked Turtle	<i>Emydura macquarii</i>	2034



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# Certificate of Registration of Premises

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## Schedule B: Registration Certificate Conditions

### Definitions for the purpose of this registration certificate and conditions

**Animal dealer** means a person who buys, sells or trade in native animals and exercises or carries on the business of an animal dealer at a registered premise associated with an animal dealer licence.

**Licensee** means the person licensed to buy, sell or trade in native animals as an animal dealer.

**Registered premises** means premises that are registered under the BC Act and the Regulations at which the licensee can buy, sell or trade in native animals.

**Reptile** means a reptile as defined in Schedule 5 the BC Act.

**Reptile enclosure** means a receptacle for confining reptiles.

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### General conditions

1. The licensee must display a copy of this registration certificate, at the registered premises, in a conspicuous position.
2. Reptiles held under the licence must only be kept at the licensee's registered premises unless receiving treatment at a veterinary practice.
3. The licensee must not have any species of reptile which cannot be bought or sold under the licence at their registered premises or advertise any such species for sale.

### Animal welfare conditions

4. All reptile enclosures must comply with the minimum requirements for size set out in the table at Attachment 2 to this registration certificate.
5. The minimum reptile enclosure requirements set out in Attachment 2 do not remove the need for all reptiles to have sufficient space to rest, stand, stretch, swim or move freely, as appropriate to the species.
6. Reptile enclosures containing reptiles must be locked at all times unless the reptiles are being accessed by the licensee or their staff for feeding, cleaning, husbandry or sale purposes.
7. Reptile enclosures must be totally enclosed except for one viewing panel, and must include cage furniture that allows total concealment of the reptiles.
8. Reptile enclosures must have vents to allow air circulation.
9. Reptiles must be provided with a temperature range in their enclosure which allows them to thermoregulate normally.
10. Heat sources must be controlled by a thermostat and thermometers must be placed in different parts of the enclosure so that the licensee or their staff can monitor the temperature range.
11. Reptiles must be provided with a photoperiod of between eight and 14 hours.
12. Light bulbs used for heating must be coloured red or blue so that the reptile has a dark period during the day.

13. Ultra Violet light must be provided to diurnal reptile species that require it for normal functioning such as turtles and dragons.
14. The base of a reptile enclosure must be lined with absorbent disposable material that can be readily removed and replaced and which is suitable for the species being housed in the enclosure.
15. Freshwater turtles must be provided with a pool of water deep enough for the animal to completely submerge, and a totally dry haul-out area large enough for the entire animal to be out of the water. The edges of the haul-out area must be a shallow gradient that allows easy access and will not abrade the turtle's bellies.
16. Water changes must be adequate to maintain good water quality in turtle enclosures. Nitrogenous waste must not be allowed to build up.
17. Filtration equipment must be adequate for the turtle species and number of individual turtles being housed and be effective at all times.

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## Attachment 2: Minimum reptile enclosure sizes

Species	Minimum floor area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Minimum width (cm)	Minimum height (cm)	Maximum number of animals	Increased area for each additional animal (cm <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Snakes</b>					
Up to 100 cm	2,000	45	35	2	1000
100 - 250 cm	4,500	50	50	2	-
250 - 400 cm	6,000	50	50	2	-
<b>Lizards</b>					
<b>Geckos</b>					
to 25 cm snout to vent length*	1,800	30	20	3 adults or 10 juveniles	300
<b>Skinks and dragons</b>					
To 30 cm total length	2,100	40	40	3 adults or 10 juveniles	350
To 50 cm total length **	2,500	40	40	2 adults or 5 juveniles	600
To 90 cm total length	7,000	90	60	1	3,500
<b>Turtles</b>					
<b>Minimum water depth</b>					
0 - 10 cm carapace length	1,800	30	20	3	300
10 - 20 cm carapace length	3,600	40	30	3	600
over 20 cm carapace length	6,000	40	30	3	1,500

### Note:

Juvenile pythons (less than 40 centimetres) may be kept singularly in holding units with a minimum floor area of 480 cm<sup>2</sup>. These units may be stored in one temperature controlled enclosure.

\* This group includes Smooth Knob-tail geckos and Thick-tailed geckos

\*\* This group includes Common Blue-tongue lizards, Black-soil Bearded dragons and Central Bearded dragons