

# Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence

Part 2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

## Conditions of licence

The following standard licence conditions are effective 1 January 2025.

### Interpretation

1. Unless stated otherwise, words and expressions used in this licence have the same meaning as those set out in the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act).
2. Terms in this licence are defined at condition 83 below.
3. Headings are not conditions of this licence, they are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this licence.
4. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more conditions of the licence shall not invalidate or render unenforceable the remaining conditions of the licence. Any invalid or unenforceable condition shall be severable and all other conditions shall remain in full force and effect.

### Licence and contact details

5. The licensee must carry this licence or the Professional Kangaroo Harvester Identification Card issued in relation to this licence while in possession of any kangaroo carcass.
6. If this licence is suspended or cancelled, the licensee must, within 7 days of that suspension or cancellation, mail their Professional Kangaroo Harvester Identification Card to the department at the following address:

Kangaroo Management Program  
Reply Paid  
PO Box 2111  
Dubbo NSW 2830.

7. The licensee must notify the department of any change in their phone number, email address, residential address or postal address prior to or within 7 days of that change by either:
  - a. updating the NSW Government's Kangaroo Management Program's digital licensing system known as the Wildlife Management System (WMS)
  - b. sending an email to [kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au)
  - c. sending a letter to:

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## Firearms licence and accreditation

8. The licensee must, at all times during the term of this licence, hold a current:
  - a. Category B Firearms Licence issued under the NSW *Firearms Act 1996*, or if the licensee is resident of another state or territory, an equivalent firearms licence issued under the corresponding law of that state or territory
  - b. Firearms Accreditation for Kangaroo Harvesters issued to the standard of AMPG306 provided by a Registered Training Organisation that is authorised to deliver that training

neither of which has expired, or been suspended, cancelled or revoked.

9. To avoid doubt, the licensee must not harvest kangaroos during any time that they do not hold a current firearms licence or firearms accreditation as required in condition 8 above, and during any time that their firearms licence or firearms accreditation referred to in condition 8 above is expired, suspended, cancelled or revoked.
10. The licensee must notify the department within 7 days of any suspension, cancellation or revocation or expiry of their firearms licence or firearms accreditation referred to in condition 8 above by either:
  - a. sending an email to [kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au)
  - b. sending a letter to:

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## Harvesting and refrigeration hours

11. For the purposes of clause 13, 'sunset' refers to the specific sunset time recorded for the date and location of harvest reported by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.
12. For the purposes of clause 13, 'sunrise' refers to the specific sunrise time recorded for the date and location of harvest reported by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

13. Licensees must only harvest kangaroos during the period starting one hour before sunset and finishing one hour after sunrise. Harvesting of kangaroos is prohibited during the period starting one hour after sunrise and finishing one hour before sunset.

## Harvesting of kangaroos in accordance with code of practice

14. The licensee must only harvest kangaroos in accordance with the most recent version of the *National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Commercial Purposes* published by the Australian Government from time to time.

## Movement, dressing and loading of carcasses

15. Carcasses must only be dressed on the property where the kangaroo has been harvested by the licensee.
16. Carcasses must only be loaded onto a vehicle at the property where the kangaroo has been harvested by the licensee.
17. Upon completion of harvesting, a vehicle loaded with carcasses must be driven directly to a static chiller, mobile chiller or kangaroo processing works.
18. Carcasses must only be unloaded from a vehicle at the location of a static chiller, mobile chiller or kangaroo processing works.
19. Vehicles that have transported carcasses must be washed down thoroughly after unloading and prior to leaving a static chiller, mobile chiller or kangaroo processing works.
20. In the event there are no wash down facilities at the static chiller, mobile chiller or kangaroo processing works, the unwashed vehicle must be driven directly to another private premises where washing of the vehicle can take place.

## Offsiders

21. A licensee is permitted to engage an offsider to assist with activities related to harvesting.
22. A licensee must supervise any offsider in all activities relating to harvesting.
23. A licensee cannot, under any circumstances, direct or allow an offsider to either:
  - a. harvest a kangaroo by shooting
  - b. be in possession of kangaroos at any time
  - c. take any responsibility for the licensee's obligations under this licence.
24. A licensee is liable for all conduct of offsiders while supervising them.

## Carcass tags and commercial tag advices

25. The licensee must only harvest the number of kangaroos specified in the commercial tag advice issued by the department to the licensee.

26. The licensee must only harvest kangaroos, and use carcass tags issued by the department to the licensee, if:
  - a. the species of kangaroo to be harvested is the species set out in the commercial tag advice issued by the department
  - b. the harvesting is within the time period specified in the commercial tag advice issued by the department to the licensee
  - c. the kangaroo is harvested on a property:
    - i. that is within the zone for which those carcass tags have been issued as set out in the commercial tag advice issued to the licensee
    - ii. for which the licensee has the consent of the current landholder of the property for the licensee to enter the property to harvest kangaroos and possess their carcasses for commercial purposes, prior to the licensee harvesting kangaroos on that property, and the landholder consent for the property has not been revoked by the current landholder
    - iii. listed in the properties table on the licence.
27. To avoid doubt, the licensee may not harvest kangaroos during any time that they do not hold a valid commercial tag advice.
28. The carcass tags must be purchased from the Environment Agency Head (or delegate).
29. If the licensee is in possession of kangaroo carcasses, the licensee must carry the commercial tag advice(s) that relates to the carcass tags affixed to those carcasses.
30. The licensee must permanently affix a carcass tag to a kangaroo carcass adjacent to the rectum:
  - a. as soon as practicable after harvesting the kangaroo
  - b. before the carcass is moved from the property at which the licensee harvested it.
31. The carcass tag attached, as per condition 30, must:
  - a. be of the type and colour assigned for the species in the commercial tag advice issued by the department to the licensee
  - b. be within the carcass tag number range specified on the commercial tag advice.
32. The licensee must not possess a carcass that does not have a carcass tag affixed adjacent to the rectum.
33. The licensee must not remove a carcass tag or cause a carcass tag to be removed from any kangaroo after it is affixed.
34. Within 10 days after the expiry date on the commercial tag advice, the licensee must return to the department any carcass tag supplied to the licensee with the commercial tag advice that is not affixed to a kangaroo.

## Storage and sale of kangaroo carcasses

35. The licensee must not possess or sell any live kangaroo under this licence.

36. The licensee must only store kangaroo carcasses at either:
- a static chiller
  - a mobile chiller
  - a kangaroo processing works.
37. The licensee must not sell any kangaroo carcass except to a person who holds a licence granted by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) that authorises the holder of the licence to buy kangaroo carcasses from the licensee. To avoid doubt, the Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence and the Landholder Kangaroo Harvester Licence do not authorise the buying of kangaroo carcasses.
38. The licensee must deliver all kangaroo carcasses that are to be sold to a static chiller, mobile chiller or kangaroo processing works. No other person may possess or deliver the carcasses. Another person may place the kangaroo carcasses harvested by the licensee into the chiller if they are doing so at the direction of, and in the physical presence of, the licensee.
39. When requested by an authorised officer, the licensee must remove carcasses from the chiller and from their vehicle and present them for inspection by the authorised officer in a manner that enables the authorised officer to inspect individual carcasses for compliance purposes without needing to physically move them.

## Minimum weights for kangaroo carcasses

40. The licensee must not possess or sell:
- a dressed carcass that weighs less than 14 kg
  - any other carcass that weighs less than 20 kg.
41. To avoid doubt, if a kangaroo is shot that is less than the minimum weights defined in condition 40 above, it must be tagged in accordance with conditions 30 and 31 above and must not be moved from where it was shot.

## Body shot kangaroo carcasses

42. The licensee must not possess or sell any kangaroo carcass containing a bullet wound anywhere in the body other than the head.
43. To avoid doubt, if a kangaroo is shot anywhere in the body other than the head, the carcass must be tagged in accordance with conditions 30 and 31 above and must not be moved from where it was shot.

## Harvester record-keeping and reporting

44. Subject to condition 45 below, the licensee is to complete and submit for each commercial tag advice a true and accurate harvester's return form on the WMS.
45. If the licensee is registered for submission of a paper harvester's return form with the department, as an alternative to condition 44 above, they may complete and submit to the department a true and accurate harvester's return for each commercial tag advice in the form supplied by the department. The completed form is to be submitted in the manner set out by the department in that form.

46. To avoid doubt, if no kangaroos are shot in the relevant calendar month, the licensee is still required to comply with conditions 44 or 45 (as relevant) and a 'nil' return must be provided.
47. Harvester's returns, including 'nil' returns, must be completed and submitted within 10 days of the end of each calendar month for which the commercial tag advice is current.
48. To avoid doubt, the licensee must record any kangaroo that is shot but left in the field as per condition 41 or 43 in their monthly harvester's return.

## Registration as person who possesses and sells protected animals

49. When the Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence is granted, the licensee is also registered by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) as a person who deals in (specifically possesses and sells) protected animals in accordance with clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation.
50. A fee of \$744 for a registration before 1 July 2025 or \$297 for a registration on or after 1 July 2025 must be paid for the registration referred to in condition 49 above. The registration will expire when this licence expires.
51. A registration as a person who possesses and sells protected animals may be cancelled or suspended if the licensee contravenes the BC Act, the BC Regulation, this Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence, or another statutory instrument made under the BC Act.

## Registration and use of a static chiller

52. If the licensee proposes to operate a chiller as a static chiller, the licensee must register the static chiller with the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) as a premises used by a person for the purpose of dealing in (specifically possessing) protected animals before storing any carcasses there in accordance with clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation.
53. A fee of \$390 for registration prior to 1 July 2025 or \$195 for registration on or after 1 July 2025 must be paid for the registration referred to in condition 52 above. The registration will expire when this licence expires.
54. A static chiller registration may be cancelled or suspended if the licensee contravenes the BC Act, the BC Regulation, this Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence, or another statutory instrument made under the BC Act.
55. If the licensee registers a chiller as a static chiller in accordance with condition 52 above, then the following conditions apply (conditions 56 to 59).

### Static chiller security

56. The licensee must ensure the static chiller is safely accessible for inspection by an authorised officer department at all times.
57. The static chiller must remain at the property upon which it is registered as specified in the certificate of registration issued to the licensee by the department.

## Static chiller signage

58. The licensee must display in a prominent position on the static chiller:
- the sticker containing the static chiller's current registration number
  - the current laminated certificate of registration issued to the licensee by the department.

## Static chiller record-keeping and reporting

59. In relation to record-keeping, the licensee must:
- record the date of delivery into the static chiller, and the species type, gender and weight for each kangaroo carcass, immediately upon delivery of the kangaroo carcass
  - make these records available for inspection by an authorised officer department within 24 hours upon request
  - complete and submit a true and accurate chiller return form on the WMS each week (for the period Sunday to Saturday). Each form must be completed and submitted no later than the Friday following the end of each weekly period. To avoid doubt, if no kangaroo carcasses are received or dispatched within any week, a 'nil' return must be submitted.

## Registration and use of a mobile chiller

60. If the licensee proposes to operate a chiller as a mobile chiller the licensee must register the chiller as a mobile chiller with the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) as a premises used by a person for the purpose of dealing in (specifically possessing) protected animals before storing any carcasses there in accordance with clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation.
61. A fee of \$390 for registration prior to 1 July 2025 or \$195 for registration on or after 1 July 2025 must be paid for the registration referred to in condition 60 above. The registration will expire when this licence expires.
62. A mobile chiller registration may be cancelled or suspended if the licensee contravenes the BC Act, the BC Regulation, this Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence, or another statutory instrument made under the BC Act.
63. If the licensee registers a chiller as a mobile chiller in accordance with condition 60 above, then the following conditions apply (conditions 64 to 81).

## Storage of kangaroo carcasses in the mobile chiller

64. Carcasses harvested by the licensee must be delivered and placed in the mobile chiller by the licensee. Another person may place the kangaroo carcasses harvested by the licensee into the mobile chiller if they are doing so at the direction of, and in the physical presence of, the licensee.

## Mobile chiller road registration

65. The mobile chiller must at all times during the term of this licence be a registered vehicle under the *NSW Road Transport Act 2013* or a corresponding law of any other state or territory.



## Mobile chiller security

66. When in New South Wales, the licensee must ensure the mobile chiller is safely accessible for inspection by an authorised officer department at all times.
67. The licensee must inform the department one business day in advance if the licensee intends to transport a mobile chiller outside of New South Wales, providing the date of departure from and return to New South Wales.

## Mobile chiller signage

68. The licensee must display in a prominent position on the mobile chiller:
- a. the sticker containing the mobile chiller's current registration number
  - b. the current laminated certificate of registration
- issued to the licensee by the department when the mobile chiller is registered in accordance with condition 60 above.
69. If the department issues a new certificate of registration for a mobile chiller, the licensee must remove the laminated certificate of registration mentioned at condition 68(b) from the mobile chiller and replace it (in a prominent position) with the new laminated certificate of registration.

## Landholder consent to operate mobile chiller

70. The mobile chiller must not be situated on private property unless the:
- a. licensee has the written permission of the current landholder of the property for:
    - i. the licensee to enter and operate the mobile chiller on that property
    - ii. authorised officers department to enter the property to inspect the mobile chiller at any time when the mobile chiller is on that propertyprior to the mobile chiller being on that property, and the permission to operate on the property has not been revoked by the current landholder
  - b. the property is listed in the mobile chiller properties table in the most recent certificate of registration issued by the department to the licensee in respect of the mobile chiller.

## Operation of mobile chiller on public land

71. The licensee must ensure that kangaroo carcasses are not placed into the mobile chiller in a public place unless:
- a. they are being transferred from a harvester vehicle into the mobile chiller
  - b. it is in a discreet location away from public view and where members of the public would not ordinarily be present.
72. The licensee must ensure that kangaroo carcasses are not taken out of the mobile chiller in a public place unless:
- a. they are being transferred from the mobile chiller to an animal dealer transport vehicle
  - b. it is in a discreet location away from public view and where members of the public would not ordinarily be present.



73. The licensee must not wash the interior of the mobile chiller in a public place.

### Mobile chiller tracking device

74. The licensee must install, use and maintain on the mobile chiller a tracking device supplied by the department. The tracking device remains the property of the department and must not be deliberately damaged, destroyed, sold or otherwise disposed of. If the tracking device is no longer required on the mobile chiller, then it must be returned to the department by posting to the address at condition 7(c).

75. The licensee must have the tracking device inspected and verified by the department as operating correctly before the mobile chiller can be used to store kangaroo carcasses.

76. The licensee is responsible for the cost of the supply, fitting and monthly operation of the tracking device, as invoiced by the department. Failure to pay these costs on time, according to the invoice due date, could result in suspension of the mobile chiller.

77. When in New South Wales, the licensee must ensure the tracking device remains operational while the mobile chiller is registered and provide the department with continual, uninterrupted access to the tracking data from the tracking device.

78. The licensee must check the tracking device is operating either:

- a. on a weekly basis when the mobile chiller is not being used
- b. daily when the mobile chiller is being used to store carcasses.

79. If the tracking device is not working, the licensee must:

- a. notify the department immediately by calling 1300 173 376, or by sending an email to [kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kangaroo.management@environment.nsw.gov.au) and provide information on the current location and contents of the mobile chiller
- b. follow any instructions issued by the department
- c. not move the mobile chiller, unless authorised to do so by the department.

80. If the department does not issue any instructions in accordance with condition 79, the licensee must:

- a. not put any further carcasses into the mobile chiller
- b. empty the mobile chiller of all carcasses as soon as practical after the tracking device is identified to be not working.

### Mobile chiller record-keeping and reporting

81. In relation to record-keeping, the licensee must:

- a. record the date of delivery into the mobile chiller, and the species type, gender and weight for each kangaroo carcass, at the time of receipt of each kangaroo carcass, immediately upon delivery of the kangaroo carcass
- b. record on whose behalf the carcasses are being stored
- c. make these records available for inspection by an authorised officer department within 24 hours upon request

- d. complete and submit a true and accurate chiller return form on the WMS each week (for the period Sunday to Saturday). Each form must be completed and submitted no later than the Friday following the end of each weekly period. To avoid doubt, if no kangaroo carcasses are received or dispatched within a week, a 'nil' return must be submitted.

## Successful completion of the Kangaroo Harvester Knowledge Course

82. The licensee has successfully completed the Kangaroo Harvester Knowledge Course (TAFE NSW Commercial Kangaroo Harvesting).

## Definitions

83. In this licence:

- a. **'Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Chiller'** means a static chiller used by the holder of a current Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Licence for the purpose of dealing in protected animals in accordance with the conditions of that licence and registered by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) to the Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) licensee as a premises used pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- b. **'Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Licence'** means a licence issued under section 2.11 of BC Act
- c. **'Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Mobile Chiller'** means a mobile chiller used by the holder of a current Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Licence for the purpose of dealing in protected animals in accordance with the conditions of that licence and registered by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) to the Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) licensee as a premises used pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- d. **'Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Processing Works'** means a processing works used by the holder of a current Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Licence for the purpose of dealing in protected animals in accordance with the conditions of that licence and registered by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) to the Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) licensee as a premises used pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- e. **'Authorised officer'** means a person appointed as an authorised officer under section 12.4 of the BC Act
- f. **'BC Act'** means the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*
- g. **'BC Regulation'** means the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017
- h. **'carcass'** means the physical structure of the kangaroo, including the bones, flesh, and organs, whether or not any body parts or organs are removed
- i. **'carcass tag'** means a tag issued to the licensee by the department for affixing to a kangaroo carcass
- j. **'chiller'** means a cooling room, or a number of cooling rooms sitting directly next to one another, used for the temporary storage of kangaroo carcasses

- k. **‘commercial tag advice’** means a notice in writing issued by the department to the licensee when carcass tags are issued to the licensee by the department
- l. **‘dealing in’** has the same meaning as ‘deal in’ in section 2.5 of the BC Act
- m. **‘department’** means the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and any name it may be known by in the future
- n. **‘device’** means a GPS tracking device that has been supplied by the department
- o. **‘dressed carcass’** means the entire body (including the skin) of the kangaroo excluding the head and viscera, whether or not any other body parts or organs are removed
- p. **‘harm’** has the same meaning as in section 1.6 of the BC Act
- q. **‘harvest’** means to harm a kangaroo by shooting in accordance with the most recent version of the *National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Commercial Purposes* published by the Australian Government from time to time
- r. **‘kangaroo’** means both kangaroos and wallaroos in the singular and plural
- s. **‘kangaroo processing works’** means a processing works currently registered as an Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Processing Works by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) as a premises used by a person for the purpose of dealing in protected animals pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- t. **‘licensee’** means the person named in this licence
- u. **‘mobile chiller’** means a mobile chiller vehicle currently registered as an Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Mobile Chiller or Professional Kangaroo Harvester Mobile Chiller by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) as a premises used by a person for the purpose of dealing in protected animals pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- v. **‘mobile chiller vehicle’** means a motor vehicle or trailer registered in the NSW registrable vehicles register under the *Roads Transport Act 2013* or registered in another jurisdiction (as defined in section 7 of the *Roads Transport Act*) that contains a chiller, or has a chiller attached
- w. **‘offsider’** means any individual that is not a licensee who is present during any harvesting activity
- x. **‘possess’** has the same meaning as in section 2.5 of the BC Act
- y. **‘processing works’** means a structure or facility that has equipment to process kangaroo carcasses and/or skins
- z. **‘Professional Kangaroo Harvester Chiller’** means a static chiller used by the holder of a current Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence for the purpose of dealing in (specifically possessing) protected animals in accordance with the conditions of that licence and registered by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) to the licensee as a premises used pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- aa. **‘Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence’** means a licence issued under section 2.11 of the BC Act

- bb. **‘Professional Kangaroo Harvester Mobile Chiller’** means a mobile chiller used by the holder of a current Professional Kangaroo Harvester Licence for the purpose of dealing in (specifically possessing) protected animals in accordance with the conditions of that licence and registered by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) to the licensee as a premises used pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation
- cc. **‘Registered Training Organisation’** has the same meaning as in the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011 (Cth)*
- dd. **‘sell’** has the same meaning as in section 2.5 of the BC Act
- ee. **‘static chiller’** means a chiller currently registered as an Animal Dealer (Kangaroo) Chiller or Professional Kangaroo Harvester Chiller by the Environment Agency Head (or delegate) as a premises used by a person for the purpose of dealing in protected animals pursuant to clause 2.35 of the BC Regulation, which is not a mobile chiller
- ff. **‘tracking device’** is a device issued by the department to track the location of a mobile chiller using GPS coordinates. Licensees must install, use and maintain it
- gg. **‘viscera’** means the large organs including the stomach and intestines but excluding the heart, lungs and liver
- hh. **‘WMS’** means the NSW Government’s Kangaroo Management Program’s digital licensing system known as the Wildlife Management System on the department’s website
- ii. **‘zone’** means a commercial kangaroo management zone as set out in in the map ‘NSW Kangaroo Management Zones 2020’ on the Kangaroo management zones webpage on the department’s website.

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