



COMMERCIAL USE OF KANGAROOS

The Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018 come into effect on 1 January 2019.

Key points

- The Biodiversity Conservation Regulations can be accessed via www.legislation.wa.gov.au.
- Taking, supplying, processing, dealing, importing or exporting kangaroos is principally covered in Regulations 23, 29, 37-38 and 40-41.
- Holders of existing licenses relevant to taking, processing and dealing in kangaroos, for commercial purposes will continue to be authorised under the new Regulations until the existing licence expires.
- When an existing licence expires, a new application can be made online at www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/licences-and-permits or by contacting the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Wildlife Licensing on wildlifelicensing@dbca.wa.gov.au
- A *Fauna taking (commercial products) licence* is required to take kangaroos for commercial use.
- Commercial taking of kangaroos is permitted on land that is referred to in the *Management Plan for the Commercial Harvest of Kangaroos in Western Australia*. This plan can be downloaded at www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/animals/kangaroo-management-in-western-australia.
- The commercial taking of kangaroos must be done in accordance with the *National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies (Commercial Purposes)*.
- Any person taking kangaroos must have written permission from the landowner or occupier to enter the land and carry out the designated activity.
- The Biodiversity Conservation Regulations can be accessed via www.legislation.wa.gov.au.

Background Information

The taking of kangaroos from private land and Crown land is regulated under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. The taking of kangaroos from private land and Crown land is regulated under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act). The Biodiversity Conservation Regulations provide new licensing arrangements for taking, processing, dealing, importing and exporting kangaroos for commercial purposes under the BC Act.

The management of the commercial kangaroo industry, and approval to export kangaroo products, is through the operation of the *Management Plan for the Commercial Harvest of Kangaroos in Western Australia* approved under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The commercial taking of kangaroos is permitted on land that is referred to in the management plan.

Royalty payments (charges) are required for kangaroo skins and carcasses and this is recovered through the issue of kangaroo tags, which must be attached to the carcass or skins.

Transitional Licensing Arrangements

From 1 January 2019, the new regulations provides new arrangements for the licensing of commercial use of kangaroos.

Holders of existing licences relevant to taking, dealing, processing, importing and exporting activities will continue to be authorised under the new Regulations without needing to apply for a new licence. When the existing licence expires then a new application will be required.

Online applications for licences will be available from DBCA's website www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/licences-and-permits from early 2019 or by contacting DBCA Wildlife Licensing on wildlifelicensing@dbca.wa.gov.au.

Taking, supplying, processing, dealing, importing or exporting kangaroos is principally covered in Regulations 23, 29, 37-38 and 40-41, as summarised in the table below.

Previous licence under the <i>Wildlife Conservation Act</i>	New licence under the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018
Damage licence	Fauna causing damage licence
Professional shooter's licence	Fauna taking (commercial products) licence
Licence to process kangaroos or other fauna	Fauna processing licence
Direct dealer's licence	Fauna dealing (general dealer's) licence
Skin dealer's licence	Fauna dealing (general dealer's) licence

Licence to export fauna	Fauna exporting licence
Licence to import fauna	Fauna importing licence

A *Fauna taking (commercial products) licence* is required to take and supply kangaroos for commercial use.

A *Fauna taking (commercial products) licence* only authorises the licensee to take kangaroos that are causing, or is reasonably expected to cause, damage to an agricultural activity or related agricultural infrastructure.

The commercial taking of kangaroos must be done in accordance with the *National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies (Commercial Purposes)*.

Agricultural activity is defined by reference to section 6 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* and includes apiculture, aquaculture, silviculture, viticulture and the raising or supply of plants or animals, and any related activity, including fallowing or resting land used for an agricultural activity.

What requirements apply to import and export?

Guidelines are being prepared to provide information on how to apply for a licence. These will be available on DBCA's website.

Regulations 40 and 41 provide that a *Fauna importing* or *Fauna exporting licence* is not required for certain fauna products, and these are to be identified in the guidelines. Kangaroos skins and carcasses are products that require these licences. This will assist the industry in tracking products and ensuring that only those products that have been lawfully taken are traded.

Licence fees

The following table sets out the application and licence fees applicable to kangaroo licences.

Licence type	New application and licence fee	Renewal application and licence fee
Fauna causing damage licence	\$95	\$60
Fauna taking (commercial products) licence	\$130	\$105
Fauna processing licence	\$200	\$110
Fauna dealing (general dealer's) licence	\$160	\$100
Fauna exporting licence	\$30	n/a

Fauna importing licence	\$30	n/a
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To find out more about the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018 visit:

www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/biodiversity-conservation-act

For further information about licensing visit:

www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/licences-and-permits

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