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Licensing rules for keeping dangerous snakes

Under the new framework applicants wishing to keep dangerous snakes must:

1. be at least 18 years old
2. have held a Standard, Specialised or Advanced licence with no dangerous snakes for at least one year.

Once you meet these conditions, you will be able to seek permission to keep first-level dangerous snakes. After a year of keeping first-level dangerous snakes, you will be able to progress to second-level dangerous snakes. Finally, after a year of keeping second-level snakes, you will be able to progress to third-level dangerous snakes.

Existing licence holders (pre- August 2020) will be able to continue to keep the dangerous snakes they are already licenced for.

From august 2020, if you apply for a licence to keep a dangerous snake or snakes for the first time, the type of dangerous snake or snakes you can keep will depend on your handling and keeping experience.

Number of dangerous snakes that can be kept

Under a Specialised licence you can keep a maximum of 50 vertebrates –if you keep no other vertebrates.

Under an Advanced licence you will be permitted to keep a maximum limit of 50 dangerous snakes, unless you can demonstrate to the Chief Executive that you can reasonably and safely care for more.

Dangerous snake categories

Three new species have been added to the dangerous snake category – *Demansia papuensis* (greater black whipsnake), *Demansia vestigiata* (lesser black whipsnake) and *Suta suta* (myall snake).

First-level dangerous snakes

- *Pseudechis porphyriacus* (red-bellied black snake)
- *Pseudechis guttatas* (spotted black snake)

Second-level dangerous snakes

- *Demansia papuensis* (greater black whipsnake)
- *Demansia vestigiata* (lesser black whipsnake)
- *Hoplocephalus* spp. (broad-headed snakes)
- *Acanthophis* spp. (death adders)
- *Austrelaps* spp. (copperheads)
- *Cryptophis nigrescens* (eastern small-eyed snake)
- *Notechis* spp. (tiger snakes)
- *Pseudechis* spp. (black snakes) (other than first-level dangerous snakes)
- *Suta suta* (myall snake)

Third-level dangerous snakes

- *Oxyuranus* spp. (taipans)
- *Pseudonaja* spp. (brown snakes)
- *Tropidechis carinatus* (rough-scaled snake)

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