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### New licensing framework

Commercial and recreational animal keeping licences are proposed to change from August 2020. If you have or intend to keep, breed or trade a protected animal in Queensland you need to make sure you understand the new requirements.

There will be no immediate impact or requirement on current commercial and recreational animal licence holders. Your current licence and its conditions will remain valid for the term of your licence. You can choose to apply for a new licence from August 2020 or transition to a new licence when your existing licence expires.

The new framework will replace the current 11 commercial and recreational animal keeping licences with three licences – Standard, Specialised, and Advanced – to provide a clearer distinction between when trade is, and is not, permitted.

The new licensing arrangements better reflect the current state of the wildlife keeping industry and will assist wildlife keepers to better understand their obligations. The new licences will be based on the number and type of animals being kept, levels of breeding and trading undertaken, and animal welfare considerations.

More information on [licence options \(https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/framework-review/animal-licence-options\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/framework-review/animal-licence-options) is available.

The new licencing framework in the [Decision Regulatory Impact Statement \(PDF, 5 MB\) \(https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/122941/management-protected-wildlife-qld-decision-ris.pdf\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/122941/management-protected-wildlife-qld-decision-ris.pdf) only applies to commercial and recreational animal keeping licences. There are no proposed changes to the conditions of the following licences and permits:

- harvesting and farming licences
- commercial interaction licence
- damage mitigation permits
- scientific purpose and educational purposes permits
- rehabilitation permits
- permits to keep
- collection authorities.

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