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The listing of protected animals that may be kept under each licence will be simplified. [View the updated species list here \(PDF, 387 KB\)](#) (https://www.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/122940/final-species-list-decision-ris.pdf).

Exempt species

Exempt species can be kept without a licence and are considered:

1. easy to keep
2. abundant in the market, and
3. do not pose a public safety or conservation risk in the event of an escape.

All invertebrates, except for those listed as protected, including scorpions (genus *Urodacus*) and tarantulas (family Theraphosidae), will remain exempt from requiring a licence.

The list of exempt bird species will be expanded from 22 to 68 species and only applies to the captive-bred industry. The exemption does not apply to the take, keep or use of the species in the wild, which will still require an authorisation.

There are no exemptions for reptiles and amphibians 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).

Class 1 and 2 animals

Class 1 species will consist of animals that are considered:

1. easy to keep
2. established in the captive-bred market
3. not to pose a public safety risk in the event of an escape, and
4. to have minimal impact to wild populations from illegal take activities.

Several species have been downgraded from the current 'restricted' category to Class 1, for example the woma (*Aspidites ramsayi*) and green python (*Morelia viridis*).

Class 2 will consist of animals that meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. are not commonly kept and traded in Queensland
2. require a specialised keeping environment
3. pose a risk to public safety in the event of escape, or
4. may be targeted by illegal take activities because of their attractiveness or rarity.

Prohibited animals

Animals not listed as exempt, class 1 or class 2 will by default be prohibited from keeping and trading. Some animals will become prohibited on transition, for example the blue-tailed monitor (*Varanus doreanus*) and pygmy blue-tongued skink (*Tiliqua adelaidensis*). If you are currently authorised to keep an animal that becomes prohibited you will be able to continue keeping your existing animal under a specific permit arrangement.

The department will undertake periodic reviews of prohibited species to ensure the framework continues to align with keeping practices and conservation needs.

Dangerous snakes

Dangerous snakes will only be able to be kept under a Specialised or Advanced licence. Limits on the number of dangerous snakes you can keep will be changing and there will be a graduation in the type of dangerous snakes permitted. As your experience increases you can keep a larger variety of dangerous snakes. The [proposed dangerous snakes changes and categories can be viewed here](https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/framework-review/keeping-dangerous-snakes) (<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/wildlife-permits/framework-review/keeping-dangerous-snakes>).

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