



## FAQ - Professional Kangaroo Shooter's Licence

Licence to take kangaroos for sale or reward by means of a firearm - on a property that falls within the area described in the Open Season Notice for Red Kangaroos or the Open Season Notice for Western Grey Kangaroos - and to sell the carcasses or skins to a Kangaroo Processor.

<b>Completed forms should be returned to:</b>	<b>Further information</b> on the licensing requirements is available from DPaW Wildlife Licensing Branch.
Department of Parks and Wildlife	Phone: (08) 9219 9332
Locked Bag 30 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983	Email: <a href="mailto:wildlifelicensing@dpaw.wa.gov.au">wildlifelicensing@dpaw.wa.gov.au</a>
Or faxed to (08) <a href="tel:92198242">9219 8242</a> or emailed.	

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### What is a kangaroo management plan?

A kangaroo management program introduced in 1970 is administered by Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) and meets the requirements of the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and Regulations, as well as West Australian state legislation.

### Why do we have management plans?

The aim is to prevent unacceptable damage to agriculture, whilst ensuring the long term viability of kangaroo populations, including those at the local community level. Where possible it also aims to manage kangaroos as a renewable resource without compromising the conservation of the species.

Managing kangaroo numbers is part of the process of controlling total grazing pressure on crop, farmland and pastoral rangeland. This plan allows for the disposal of kangaroo carcasses or skins for commercial purposes. Western Grey kangaroo and Red kangaroo may only be taken when they are causing damage to primary production, to control populations and rates of natural increase.

### What do I need in order to obtain a Professional Kangaroo Shooters Licence?

Kangaroo may only be taken by licensed firearm and in order to obtain a Professional Kangaroo Shooter's licence, all persons are required to have passed the *Kangaroo Shooter Firearms Competency (Marksmanship)* test and passed the *Kangaroo Shooter Training (Australian Game Meat, Hygiene and Handling)* course. All shooting is conducted under the *National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroo and Wallabies for Commercial Purposes*. An application must be supported by a letter from a property owner nominating them as their agent to undertake kangaroo control on their land.

## Who can purchase kangaroo royalty tags?

The total number of kangaroo that may be taken commercially is controlled by DPaW through the issue of royalty tags. Royalty tags can only be purchased by a person who holds a professional kangaroo shooters licence- the *Regulation 6 – Licence to Take Kangaroo for Sale* licence.

A royalty tag must be attached to each carcass taken from a property for commercial harvesting purposes and delivered to a licensed kangaroo meat processor or licensed kangaroo chiller dealer.

## Where can I shoot kangaroo?

The current open season permits the shooting of kangaroo on private property in specified municipal districts without a damage licence. This open season applies to private land, including freehold land, conditional purchase leasehold land and other leasehold land which is granted for the purpose of agricultural production under the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

A licence holder may only shoot kangaroo on property for which they have received written authorization from the property owner or property manager and those property details are endorsed on their current kangaroo shooter licence.

## How long will my kangaroo shooter's licence last?

Licence to take kangaroos for sale or reward by means of a firearm is an annual permit that requires the submission of a return before renewal. The permit costs \$60 to be paid to DPaW before the issue of the authority can be finalised.