



# Flora Licensing Information Sheet

## Commercial Purposes and Commercial Producer's Licences

<p><b>Completed forms should be returned to:</b>          Department of Parks and Wildlife          Locked Bag 30 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983          Or faxed to (08) 9219 8242 or emailed.</p>	<p><b>Further information</b> on the licensing requirements is available from DPaW Wildlife Licensing Section          Phone: (08) 9219 9836          Email: <a href="mailto:wildlifelicensing@dpaw.wa.gov.au">wildlifelicensing@dpaw.wa.gov.au</a></p>
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All flora that is native to Western Australia is protected throughout the State under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. Protected flora is defined as any plant (including any wildflower, palm, shrub tree, fern, creeper or vine) and includes any part of a plant, including seeds and spores.

On Crown land, protected flora may only be taken by individuals who hold a licence issued by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. Persons who wish to take flora for identification, research, education, hobby, or other **non-commercial purposes** must hold a Scientific or Other Prescribed Purposes (SOPP) Licence (please refer to “Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Scientific or Other Prescribed Purposes Licence” for more information).

**Non-commercial collection** of flora from private property requires the permission of the property owner, but no licence from DPaW.

For information about the licensing requirements when taking flora for **commercial purposes**, please continue to read below.

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### For Commercial Collection:

#### Crown Land

If the flora is being **taken** for commercial purposes a **Commercial Purposes (CP) Licence** is required. A CP Licence must be held by **each person** taking flora.

Before a CP licence can be issued, the applicant must demonstrate that they have an area on which they are authorised to harvest flora. This includes the **written permission** of the government agency or authorised agent that is managing the land. If the land that the applicant wishes to collect on is CALM managed land, the department’s Wildlife Licensing section will seek permission from the relevant DPaW district on the applicant’s behalf (please refer to “Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Collection of Flora from CALM Managed Lands” for more information).

CP licensees are required to submit **returns** of the flora taken under their licence, and licence renewal is dependent on the satisfactory completion and submission of such returns.

The fee for this licence is **\$100** and it is valid for one (1) year.

The commercial collection of flora from **conservation estate** (Nature Reserves, National Parks or Conservation Parks, etc) is generally not permitted. Please refer to “Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Collection of Flora from CALM Managed Lands” for more information.

The commercial collection of flora species listed as **Priority** on the department’s Threatened and Priority Flora List is also not generally permitted. If applicants wish to take Priority flora they must complete an “Application to

Take Priority Flora Species under a Commercial Purposes Licence” and submit this to the department’s Wildlife Licensing Section. Applications will only be approved where the activity will assist in the preservation or protection of the Priority flora species of interest. If successful the applicant will be issued with a CP Licence which is amended to allow for the taking of specified Priority flora species in the amounts approved by DPaW, and only for use as approved by DPaW.

### Private Property

Protected flora may only be taken from private property by the owner or occupier of the land or by a person who has the owner or occupier's permission. Protected flora taken from private property, whether it be harvested from natural or cultivated stands, may only be **sold** under a **Commercial Producer's (PN) Licence**.

A PN licence only covers the properties that are listed on the licence, therefore if you wish to sell flora taken from other properties not listed on your licence you must apply for an additional licence.

PN licensees are required to submit **returns** of the flora sold under their licence, and licence renewal is dependent on the satisfactory completion and submission of such returns.

The applicant must state on their application form whether the flora to be sold is taken from Natural (P) or Artificial/Cultivated (A) stands, as well as listing the species and parts to be taken.

The fee for this licence is **\$25** and it is valid for one (1) year.

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## Renewal of Licences

The renewal of a licence is the responsibility of the licensee and will not automatically be granted. Each request for renewal is treated as a new application, so that in the event circumstances change, the appropriate licence conditions can be issued.

Current **letters of authority** must be included with each application and the land to which the application relates and proposed species to be harvested must be listed.

Licence renewal is dependent on the satisfactory completion and submission of **returns**.

It is recommended that requests for renewal be sent **one (1) month** prior to the expiry date of the current licence to allow time for processing and posting.

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## Dealers, Wholesalers and Florists

Dealers, wholesalers, florists and others who trade in protected flora are not required to hold a licence unless they are also involved in taking flora for sale. However, it is an offence to sell flora that has not been legally taken, so it is essential that traders ensure their stocks are obtained from licensed sources.

Anyone trading in protected flora must keep a written record of the type and quantity of flora they purchase, the date of the purchase and the name and address of the supplier. These records must be retained for at least twelve months and shown to a DPaW Wildlife Officer on demand.

Persons wishing to export protected flora must obtain an export authority from the Commonwealth through the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. The granting of an export authority is dependent on the applicant demonstrating that the flora intended for export has been legally obtained. Export applications are referred to DPaW to check species against nominated licensed sources. Only species included on the Export Flora List in the WA Flora Management Plan may be exported if taken from natural stands on either Crown or private property.