

APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION AS A VETERINARY BIOSECURITY CERTIFIER

Part 3, Division 5 – Biosecurity certifiers

The purpose of this form is to gain, vary or renew accreditation as a veterinary biosecurity certifier in accordance with the Tasmanian *Biosecurity Act 2019* (the Act). Once accredited the person will be able to self-certify the health status of farmed salmonids in compliance with the relative standards of the Biosecurity Program: Tasmanian Salmonid Industry.

The information requested in this form will enable the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) to process the application, as prescribed in the Act. Your application must be assessed and accreditation granted by NRE Tas before you can proceed with the proposed activity.

Before lodging this application, you should be familiar with each of the following –

the *Biosecurity Act 2019*,
the Biosecurity (Salmonid Biosecurity Zones) Regulations 2022,
the Biosecurity Program: Tasmanian Salmonid Industry.

How to submit this form

This application form must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the planned date of the first movement of (certified) fish to allow time for the application to be processed.

Completed application forms should be lodged via email at: AnimalDisease.Enquiries@nre.tas.gov.au

Each applicant must complete a separate form.

Prescribed fee – currently there is no prescribed fee for an application for accreditation as biosecurity certifier. The Act does, however, provide for the accreditation authority (Secretary) to prescribe a fee at any time.

Term of accreditation

The applicant can select a term of accreditation ranging between 1 and 5 years. The term commences on the date the certificate of accreditation is issued and continues for the term indicated by the certificate unless it is suspended or cancelled by the accreditation authority by written notice.

Notification

The accreditation authority will review an application within 10 working days of receiving the application and notify the applicant if any further information is required. If the application is complete the applicant will be notified via the email address provided in the application.

Accreditation approval

A new biosecurity certifier will be allocated an Accreditation number. A biosecurity certifier should refer to their existing Accreditation number when seeking any renewal of accreditation.

A Certificate of Accreditation as a veterinary biosecurity certifier will be returned to the email address supplied by the applicant.

1. Type of application

New application

Variation

Renewal

For variation or renewal, please provide your current Veterinary Biosecurity Certifier number:

Purpose of variation *(applies to a variation only)*:

2. Applicant details

Full name:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Postal address:

Biosecurity Tasmania

Business ABN:

3. Applicant credentials

In accordance with the Accreditation Policy, persons making application for veterinary biosecurity certifier in respect of salmonid production in Tasmania must:

1. hold a valid Veterinary Science Qualification accredited by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC); and
2. be a veterinary surgeon registered by the Veterinary Board of Tasmania, or entitled to practice in Tasmania via registration with another Australian veterinary board under National Recognition of Veterinary Registration; and
3. demonstrate an appropriate level of experience in fish health management with at least two years of experience in fin fish production.

An alternative qualification or level of experience may be approved by the Secretary on recommendation from the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Please provide details of one of the following:

Your Veterinary Register of Tasmania Roll number, or

Your Veterinary Register Roll number of another Australian state or territory.

Please provide a statement attesting to your level of experience in fish health management:

Are there attachments included with this application?

Yes

No

If Yes, provide a list of the attached documents:

4. Term of accreditation

Please indicate your preferred term of accreditation (*between 1 and 5 years*)

5. Declaration by the applicant

I _____ declare that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I understand that this is an application for accreditation as a veterinary biosecurity certifier only and that the Accreditation Authority may decline this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

6. Privacy statement

1. Purpose of Collection

The information collected by this application is for the purpose of the Accreditation Authority to make an assessment in accordance with the *Accreditation Policy for Veterinary Biosecurity Certifiers in respect of the Biosecurity Program: Tasmanian Salmonid Industry*. This information may also be used for other purposes permitted by the *Biosecurity Act 2019*.

2. Disclosure of Personal Information

Personal information will be collected primarily for the administration of this application process, but may be disclosed to courts and other agencies authorised to collect it. Basic personal information may also be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary for the efficient storage and use of the information.

3. Result of Failure to Provide Personal Information

If you do not provide this personal information your application for accreditation as a veterinary biosecurity certifier may not be processed.

4. Accessing Personal Information

On request, personal information collected by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates. A fee may be charged for this service.