



Wildlife Act Authority to privately hold protected lizards in captivity (General Authorisation- non-advocacy)

Application form

Only Residents and Citizens of New Zealand aged 16 years or older can apply for this authority.

Type of permit:

➤ General Authorisation category lizard species

- If you want to apply on behalf of a business, trust or incorporated society, or for advocacy purposes (display etc.) you must apply for a [Wildlife Authorisation: General](#) on the DOC website
- If you wish to apply for a Conservation Category permits please complete the Wildlife Act Authority General Application Form: [General form 9 \(PDF, 1,575K\)](#)

*Please Note: Conservation Category permits are only granted to individuals with **proven high-level skills and experience** in New Zealand lizard husbandry, typically built over at least three years. Holders must demonstrate **strong compliance, accurate record keeping, and advanced husbandry standards**, and may be assessed through inspections or evidence of competence. These permits reflect the **conservation importance of the species**, with an expectation that animals may contribute to current or future conservation programmes.*

Using this form

Completing the form



Save – You can save this form to your digital device and edit or fill it in your own time.



Fill – You can fill this form digitally using Microsoft word.



Print – You can print this form and fill it manually, or you can fill it digitally, then print it.



Submit – This form can be submitted by email.



Email – Email your form and all the required labelled attachments to: Permissions@doc.govt.nz



Important – Failure to complete this application form correctly may result in your application being returned to you seeking more information, which may extend the time it takes the Department of Conservation to process your application, or it may result in your application being declined. If you need help completing your application, please contact your local DOC office, or email permissions@doc.govt.nz



Section A | Your details

First name*

Middle name(s)

Surname*

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)*

Postal address*

Street address (if different from postal)

Do you rent or own the property at this address?*

Rent

Own

Phone*

Mobile

Personal Email Address*



A valid street address is the physical location of a house/residence, street number, street name, suburb, town/city and postcode.

A valid postal (mailing) address is where the mail is delivered which consists of a PO Box/Private Bag number, suburb, town/city and postcode.



* Indicates a mandatory field.





Section B | Animal holding and husbandry

Physical location where lizards will be housed (Street Address)

If your intent is to hold lizards at an address other than your street address listed in Section A, you must enter details of where you intend to keep them and the reason/s.

Best practice

Please refer to the current [Standards and Guidelines for Keeping Lizards in Captivity](#) on the DOC website.

The best practice document provides information on minimum standards required for the housing, care and husbandry of different lizard species.

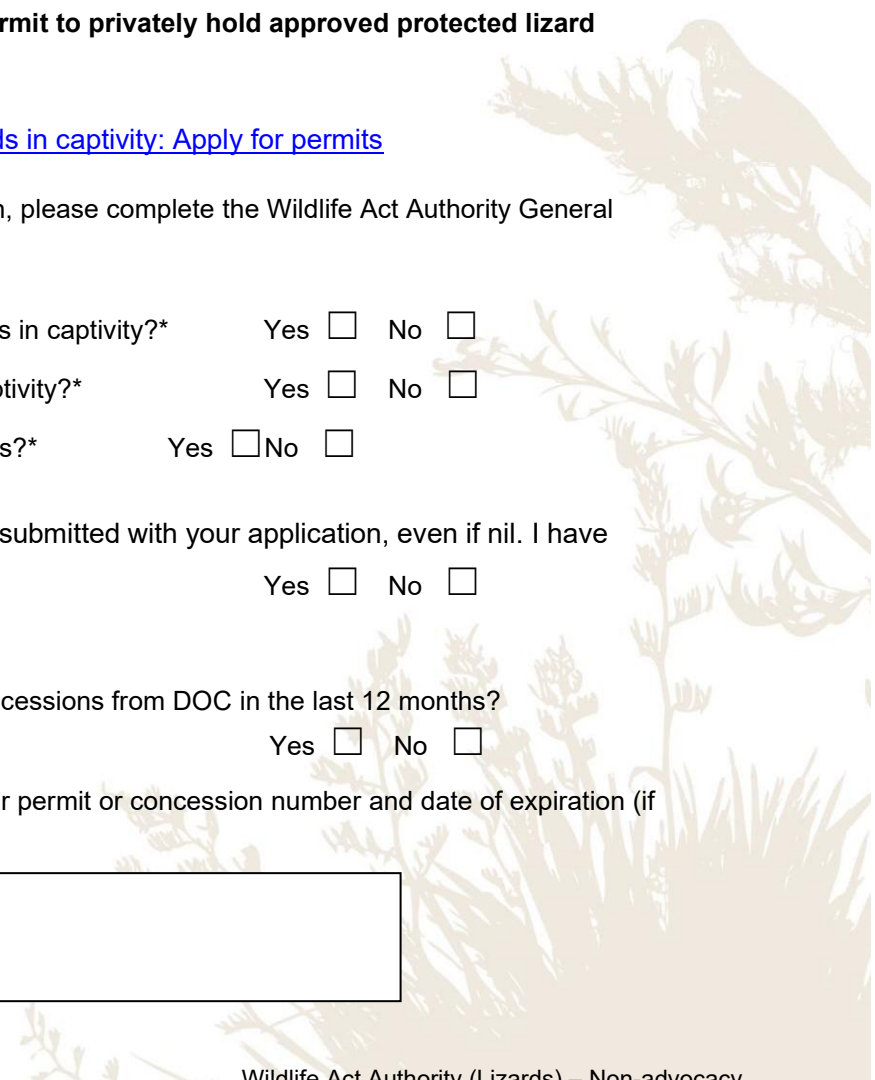
Section C | General Authorisation Permit

This application is for a **General Authorisation permit to privately hold approved protected lizard species in captivity**.

For a list of eligible species, refer to: [Holding lizards in captivity: Apply for permits](#)

To apply for a Conservation Category Authorisation, please complete the Wildlife Act Authority General Application Form: [General form 9 \(PDF, 1,575K\)](#)

1. Do you have a current permit to hold lizards in captivity?* Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Are you currently holding any lizards in captivity?* Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Have you held lizards in the past 12 months?* Yes ☐ No ☐
4. A current annual return is required to be submitted with your application, even if nil. I have supplied a current annual return?* Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Have you held any previous permits or concessions from DOC in the last 12 months? Yes ☐ No ☐
6. If **Yes**, please provide details including your permit or concession number and date of expiration (if known).



Section D | Lizard species

Please tick the lizard species that you are applying to hold:

Scientific Name	Common Name	
Matapia gecko	<i>Dactylocnemis "Matapia Island"</i>	
Te Paki gecko	<i>Dactylocnemis "North Cape"</i>	
Pacific gecko	<i>Dactylocnemis pacificus</i>	
Ngahere gecko	<i>Mokopirirakau "southern North Island"</i>	
Forest gecko	<i>Mokopirirakau granulatus</i>	
Elegant gecko	<i>Naultinus elegans</i>	
Northland green gecko	<i>Naultinus grayii</i>	
Barking gecko	<i>Naultinus punctatus</i>	
Schist gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Central Otago"</i>	
Kawarau gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Cromwell"</i>	
Kaikouras gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Kaikouras"</i>	
Minimac gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Marlborough mini"</i>	
Kahurangi gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Mount Arthur"</i>	
Pygmy gecko	<i>Woodworthia "pygmy"</i>	
Short-toed gecko	<i>Woodworthia "southern mini"</i>	
Korero gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Otago/Southland large"</i>	
Southern Alps gecko	<i>Woodworthia "Southern Alps"</i>	
Waitaha gecko	<i>Woodworthia cf. brunnea</i>	
Raukawa gecko	<i>Woodworthia maculata</i>	
Hybrids of the General Authorisation species listed above		



Section E | Source of captive lizards

Lizards may only be acquired from captivity from other persons holding a current permit for that species. If you already know a Holder that you intend to acquire lizards from, please complete the following information.

First and last name of authorised holder

Authorised Holder's Street Address / Location (town, city)

Authorised Holder's DOC permit number





Section F | Fees

The Department does not currently charge fees for authorisations to hold lizards privately in captivity.

Section G | Annual Returns

The Wildlife Act Authorisation for lizards requires you to submit an annual return of the number of species held, sex, movements in/out etc.

DOC may collate the information collected in these returns and make this data publicly available.

Your individual returns will not be shared with any third party, unless you authorise this.

I authorise DOC to share my annual returns with the NZ Herpetological Society.

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For more information visit the [NZ Herpetological Society](http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/) website.



Section H | Declaration

I am 16 years of age or over.*	☐
I am a Permanent Resident or Citizen of New Zealand.*	☐
I understand that if my application is successful, I must follow the Standards and Guidelines for Keeping Lizards in Captivity on the DOC website.*	☐
I have no convictions or any criminal charges pending in New Zealand, or in any overseas jurisdiction*.	☐
I understand that I must not take lizards from the wild.	☐
I understand that I do not own the lizards I care for. They remain the property of the Crown.	☐
I understand that if I obtain a permit, that I must provide an annual return each year	
I understand that if I obtain a permit, the Grantor may amend, revoke or replace this Authority.	☐
I understand it is an offence under the Crimes Act 1961 to give false or misleading information or fail to provide information to the Department with the intention to mislead.	☐
I understand that this offence under the Crimes Act 1961 is punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment.	☐

Please read the following:

The Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004 allows you to withhold information about New Zealand convictions if you meet certain criteria. The criteria includes if you have:

- had no convictions within the last 7 years.
- never been sentenced to a custodial sentence (such as prison, corrective training or borstal).
- never been convicted of a 'specified offence' as listed in [section 4 of the Criminal Records \(Clean Slate\) Act 2004](#).
- fully paid any fine, compensation, reparation or costs ordered by the court in a criminal case.
- never been banned from driving until further notice (indefinite disqualification).
- never been held in hospital by the court in a criminal case instead of being sentenced, due to your mental condition.

This is a summary only. There are other rules and exceptions in the Clean Slate Act 2004 that might apply to you. You can review the Act online (available at www.legislation.govt.nz).

If you are unsure about the application of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate Act) 2004 to you, please seek independent advice.



For further information please refer to the guidance on the Ministry of Justice website: www.justice.govt.nz.





I certify that the information provided on this form is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

To submit an electronic signature, simply **type your full name** into the “**Signature**” field

Signature

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the Wildlife Act 1953 relating to authorisations.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose except for compliance and for sharing or publishing statistics.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 may require that some or all information in this form be publicly released.