

Information sheet

Nature Conservation (Macropods) Conservation Plan 2017

TAFE course – Commercial Wildlife Harvesting Licence (macropods)

What is the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) course?

If you intend to harvest macropods, the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) requires applicants to first complete the **Commercial Wildlife Harvesting TAFE course (NONAC05001)**. The TAFE course covers key topics including the Macropod Management Program, nature conservation principles, tagging procedures, and how to complete macropod harvesting returns. It is necessary to help commercial macropod harvesters understand their legal requirements. More information on the course can be found here: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18256/commercial-wildlife-harvesting>

If you intend to harvest wild animals including macropods and sell their carcasses to a chiller box, you will also need to complete the **Wild Animal Field Harvesting course (NONAC05002)**. This course is a requirement for those harvesters seeking to become accredited with Safe Food Production Queensland. It covers legislation, hygiene and sanitation and is intended for harvesters that take kangaroos, wild boar or goats for their meat. More information on this course can be found here: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18259/wild-animal-field-harvesting>

If you do not intend to sell your harvest macropods (i.e. private use only), the Commercial Wildlife Harvesting course can be completed as a standalone.

What the TAFE course involves

Hereafter, “the TAFE course” refers to the Commercial Wildlife Harvesting TAFE course.

The TAFE course is available online and is self-directed. It includes information on:

- the role of the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) in the management of commercially harvested kangaroos and the commercial industry. This section also gives harvesters an understanding of how DETSI monitors kangaroo populations and how the annual harvest quota is determined
- the legal obligations of harvesters when operating under a commercial wildlife harvesting licence. This section covers Queensland legislation. At the end of this section harvesters will have a clear idea of what they can and cannot do as a licensed commercial kangaroo harvester
- how to correctly tag kangaroo skins and carcasses, including sequential tagging and recording tag numbers
- how to correctly complete harvest returns.

Who must complete the TAFE course?

All persons intending to hold a commercial wildlife harvester’s licence. Applicants for this licence must pass the TAFE course before a licence can be granted.

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Where the TAFE course is conducted

The TAFE course is available throughout the year as an online self-directed course meaning you are able to enrol and complete the course at any time throughout the year.

How harvesters can enrol into the course

Harvesters can find more information on the course online at: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18256/commercial-wildlife-harvesting>

Assistance for harvesters with reading or writing difficulties

As the course will be undertaken online, if you have any difficulties with reading and writing you are encouraged to seek assistance from family or friends to assist you complete the course requirements. The assessment must be completed without any assistance. For further queries, contact mmp@detsi.qld.gov.au.

The benefits of successfully completing the TAFE course

Harvesters who complete the course will be able to demonstrate that:

- they have a good understanding of their requirements under the legislation
- they understand the paperwork (harvest return) requirements
- they have an understanding of how the Macropod Management Program works
- they can operate professionally and responsibly.

The cost of the TAFE course

Current fees for the TAFE course can be found at the course website:

<https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18256/commercial-wildlife-harvesting>

Frequently Asked Questions

What course/s do I need to complete if I only intend to harvest macropods for personal use?

- *You only need to complete the **Commercial Wildlife Harvesting TAFE course**.*

What course/s do I need to complete if I intend to harvest macropods and sell the carcasses?

- *You need to complete both the **Commercial Wildlife Harvesting TAFE course** and the **Wild Animal Field Harvesting course**.*