

# KEEP THE B<sub>00</sub>S BUZZING



# BEE KEEPING & HIVE HEALTH CHECK

I AM A RESPONSIBLE BEE KEEPER	RESPONSE	RESOURCES AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BEING A BEEKEEPER BAM (IMSA) REGULATIONS 2013*
I am registered as a beekeeper with DPIRD		<a href="#">Registration Form</a>
My registration expires on (Date):		<a href="#">Expiration date look up</a> <i>Remember to set calendar renewal reminder, 1 month prior to expiry</i>
My contact and property details are current: <i>Note: Update required within 7 days of any change</i>		<a href="#">Notification of change of address and property details</a>
My hive brand is:		<a href="#">Hive brand look up</a>
The number of hives I have is:		
Every hive is identified with my hive brand <i>Note: A hive brand must only be used by the registered owner</i>		Reg 202: Beekeeper to identify hives: Penalty \$2000 Reg 207: Possession of an unidentified hive: Penalty \$5000 Reg 204: Exclusive use of registered brand: Penalty \$5000
I pay my APC & Fee for Service each year		
My hives are housed on my property		
Hives I place on other properties have clear signage with ownership and contact details		Reg 208: Notice for apiaries: Penalty \$2000 <a href="#">Signage requirements</a>
I keep written/electronic records of where my hives are, how many and the date of placement / removal		Reg 209: Establishment and movement of apiaries: Penalty \$2000
I supply hives / bees/ honey to other registered beekeepers		
I check registration of buyers prior to supply		Reg 210: Lease, supply or disposal of apiaries (1): Penalty \$2000
I keep a record of who I supplied hives to (7yrs), and who I purchased from, including their location		Reg 210: Lease, supply or disposal of apiaries (2): Penalty \$2000
I keep a record of registration and location of suppliers		
If I stop beekeeping, I will dispose of hives, product and equipment responsibly; seal stored empty hives & prevent robbing		<b>BAM Regulations 2013**</b> Reg 86: Directions about untended plants, bees or apiaries. Reg 88: Prevention of robbing; Reg 89: Storage of hive products: Penalty \$10,000

HIVE OWNERSHIP	
I am a commercial beekeeper for generating bee product	
I generate bee product and provide my hives to others for commercial crop pollination	
I keep them as a personal hobby for enjoyment	
I keep them as a hobby and to sell excess product	
I keep them as a hobby and to assist with local plant pollination	
NOTES	



PREVENT	RESPONSE	RESOURCES TO HELP KEEP MY BEES SAFE AND HEALTHY, AND FOR PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION
Fresh, accessible and adequate water is available within 5-10m of my hives		BAM Regulations r. 90. Water to be provided to apiary sites: Penalty \$10,000 <a href="#">Best practice guidelines for urban bee keeping</a>
Beekeeping and honey extraction equipment and tools are cleaned after use and stored away		BAM Regulations Reg 88: Prevention of robbing: Penalty \$10 000 <a href="#">Biosecurity Manual for Beekeepers, Chapter 12</a>
I attend training related to managing bee and hive health and wellbeing		<a href="#">WAAS Training</a> <a href="#">Bee Aware Training</a>
I am aware pests and diseases can be carried on people, clothing, tools, vehicles and hive product		<a href="#">Australian Honey Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice PDF</a> <a href="#">Video format</a>
Queens and packaged bees are purchased from certified or trusted sources		
I do not borrow equipment from / lend to other beekeepers		
Second-hand purchased equipment is checked and sterilised before use and storage		<a href="#">Australian Honey Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice PDF</a>
I visually observe my hives for general health every time I work with them – bee behaviour, honey production, brood health, queen	How often/ yr	<a href="#">Video format</a>
I use electronic monitoring to observe my off-property hives for health and wellbeing – bee behaviour, honey production, brood health, queen		

DETECT	RESPONSE	RESOURCES FOR MONITORING PESTS AND DISEASES
I know what pests and diseases, signs and symptoms to look for		<a href="#">Bee Aware website: Pests</a> Google: "Honey Bee Biosecurity for WA" A quick guide to recognise bee pests & diseases.
Regular general inspections for pests are made and records kept of date, observations and any management undertaken for each hive	How often	<a href="#">Australian Honey Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice PDF</a> <a href="#">Video format</a> <a href="#">Recording templates</a> <a href="#">Reporting page</a> For information on any bee pests and diseases in WA: Email the DPIRD Apiary team at <a href="mailto:PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au">PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au</a> or use the <a href="#">MyPest-Guide Reporter app or website</a>
Fully recorded inspections, completed with photographs: • at least one hive (hobby) multiple (commercial) • at least twice a year • at least 4 months apart Submit report: nil detections are still useful information	How often	<a href="#">Australian Honey Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice PDF</a> <a href="#">Video format</a> <a href="#">Recording templates</a> <a href="#">Reporting page</a>
Full inspection completed for exotic mites of: • at least one hive (hobby) multiple (commercial) • at least twice a year • at least 4 months apart • Using sugar shaking or drone uncapping or alcohol wash (most reliable)	Dates	For information on any bee pests and diseases in WA: Email the DPIRD Apiary team at <a href="mailto:PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au">PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au</a> or use the <a href="#">MyPest-Guide Reporter app or website</a> <a href="#">Sugar shaking procedure</a> <a href="#">Drone uncapping procedure</a> <a href="#">Alcohol wash procedure</a>
I report the results of my mite and exotic pest surveillance		<a href="#">Mite surveillance reporting page</a>

RESPOND	RESPONSE	RESOURCES FOR REPORTING ANYTHING UNUSUAL: EMERGENCY PLANT DISEASE HOTLINE 1800 084 881
I have access to current management procedures and training for any endemic (known and established) pests		<a href="#">Bee Aware website, Pests - Established</a>
Pests and diseases that are exotic or have limited distribution in Australia, <b>must</b> (by law) <b>be reported</b> . Examples include varroa mites and American foulbrood		For information on any bee pests and diseases in WA: Email the DPIRD Apiary team at <a href="mailto:PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au">PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au</a> or use the <a href="#">MyPest-Guide Reporter app or website</a>
If you <b>suspect</b> you have found an <b>exotic or notifiable</b> disease:		<a href="#">A quick guide to recognise bee pests and diseases (Colour Factsheet)</a>  <a href="#">Notifiable / reportable pests &amp; disease in WA: identification and management</a>  <a href="#">Pest Category / established Pests</a>
• Take photographs; Mark the hive or area where the pest was found. Limit access to both the apiary and area for both people and equipment.		
• Wash hands, clothes, apiary equipment and vehicles that have been in contact with the suspect hive/s or apiary. Make sure sick or infested honey bees are not removed from the apiary or area.		
• Stop beekeeping operations immediately while waiting for the identification of the suspected exotic pest.		Email the DPIRD Apiary team at <a href="mailto:PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au">PBhoney@dpird.wa.gov.au</a> or use the <a href="#">MyPestGuide Reporter app or website</a> <a href="#">Exotic pests: identification and management</a> <a href="#">Exotic Pests</a> <a href="#">Procedure for reporting and action after suspect detection</a>
If <b>exotic or notifiable</b> disease <b>confirmed</b> :		<b>Call Emergency Plant Disease Hotline 1800 084 881</b>
Do not move or attempt to move any hives from the infected premises or apiary site. Always adhere to any movement restrictions that apply to hives, honey bee products, machinery or equipment within the control and restricted areas.		

RESPECT	RESPONSE	RESPECTING MY COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY
I do not use my smoker during total fire and vehicle movement bans without the appropriate permit. I do not use my smoker when catastrophic fire danger conditions declared.		<a href="#">Fire and vehicle movement bans</a>  <a href="#">DFES fire exemption information</a>
My neighbours are aware I keep bees		<a href="#">Best practice guidelines for urban bee keeping</a> <a href="#">Biosecurity for Beekeepers online course</a>
My hives are kept away from public thoroughfares		<a href="#">Best practice guidelines for urban bee keeping</a>  <a href="#">Biosecurity for Beekeepers online course</a>
I am aware of other hives in my areas		<a href="#">Bee Industry Council of WA</a> <a href="#">Western Australian Apiarist Society</a>
I am a member of BICWA and / or WAAS		

\*[Biosecurity and Agricultural Management](#) (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations, 2013

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