

Scientific Purposes License

IC 14-22-22

Chapter 22. Scientific Purposes License

IC 14-22-22-1

Sec. 1. The department may issue to a properly accredited individual a license authorizing the individual to collect and possess:

- (1) wild birds;
- (2) the nests and eggs of wild birds; or
- (3) other wild animals;

in Indiana for scientific purposes only under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

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Sec. 2. An application for a license must:

- (1) bear the signature of two (2) relevant scientists as references to:
 - (A) the character;
 - (B) academic and scientific accomplishments; and
 - (C) fitness;

of the applicant; and

- (2) be accompanied by a fee of ten dollars (\$10).

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Affected: IC 14-22

Sec. 6. (a) An application for a scientific purposes license shall be made on a departmental form and include the following information:

- (1) The purpose for collection.
- (2) The species and number of the species to be collected.
- (3) The location and any method of collection.
- (4) The intended administration of any drug, vaccine, steroid, micro-organism, or other chemical to the wild animal to be collected.
- (5) The intended treatment of the wild animal or nest or egg of a wild bird collected, including the use bacterial or other markers and any proposed genetic modification.
- (6) The disposition of any wild animal or nest or egg of a wild bird to be collected.

(b) A license issued under this section is subject to the specifications set forth in the application and to terms, conditions, and restrictions on the license. The director may condition the license according to any of the following terms:

- (1) The kind and number of specimens that may be taken.
- (2) The type of methods used.
- (3) The time and seasons for take.
- (4) The areas where take may occur.
- (5) The use and disposition of the wild animal or nest or egg of a wild bird held, treated, or taken under this rule.
- (6) Contingent upon the applicant receiving and possessing a valid license from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under 50 CFR 17 for any of the following:
 - (A) a migratory bird;
 - (B) the nest or egg of a migratory bird; or
 - (C) a federally endangered or threatened species of wild animal.

(c) The license holder must carry the license and any amendments to the license when conducting any activity authorized by the license.

(d) The director may amend the conditions of a license at any time upon written notification to the license holder. A notice under this subsection is subject to IC 4-21.5.

(e) The director may issue a license only to a properly accredited person who will collect the wild animal or nest or egg of a wild bird for a scientific purpose, including scientific education. The applicant must meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Hold a bachelor's degree in the biological sciences or related field that the Director deems appropriate for the purpose outlined in the application; or
- (2) Be currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in the biological sciences or related field that the Director deems appropriate for the purpose outlined in the application; or
- (3) Hold a federal permit for the purpose indicated in the application; or
- (4) Be requested by an accredited educational or scientific institution to perform this activity for the institution. The institution must present a valid and compelling need for the applicant to perform the activity covered by this license.
- (5) Be sponsored by the department to perform the activity for the protection and regulation of wild animal populations.

The original application form submitted for the taxonomic group indicated on the application must be signed by two (2) scientists that have a degree in the biological sciences attesting to the character, academic and scientific accomplishments, and fitness of the applicant. An applicant currently pursuing a bachelor's degree must obtain the signature of a faculty biologist for that taxonomic group.

(f) An applicant must be affiliated with one of the following institutions:

- (1) A public school accredited under IC 20-1-1-6, a nonpublic school accredited under IC 20-1-1-6 or IC 20-1-1-6.2, or a college or university.
- (2) A federal, state, city, county, or similar government agency associated with a biological or scientific area of study or research.
- (3) A non-profit educational organization with an exemption from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3). The educational organization must be associated with a biological or scientific area of study or research. The applicant must provide written documentation to the department certifying that tax exemption status has been achieved under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).
- (4) A scientific research organization, accredited museum or institution of higher learning, consulting firm, individuals working in cooperation with a college, university or government agency, or private company under a contract for scientific or educational purposes.

(g) The applicant must ensure compliance with monitoring, tagging, and reporting requirements for all extra-label drug use as required in 21 CFR 530, et seq. (1998). Documentation in the form of written approval from a licensed veterinarian or approval from a university animal care and use committee to use the drug or chemical for the purposes intended must be submitted with the application form.

(h) The sale or transport for sale and offer to sell or transport to sell an animal or a part of an animal held under the authority of this license is prohibited. As used in this subsection, "sale" includes barter, purchase, or trade or the offer to sell, barter, purchase, or trade.

(i) A license issued under this section is not transferable. A person may assist the license holder if the license holder is present and oversees the activities of the person.

(j) The license holder must obtain permission from the landowner or public land property manager to conduct an activity authorized by a license issued under this section. For an activity to be conducted on lands owned or operated by a federal, state, or local agency, the license holder must also comply with the conditions imposed by the property manager or the designee of the property manager.

(k) A license expires on December 31 of the year the license is issued. A report of the collection must be supplied within sixty (60) days after the expiration of the license and contain the following information:

- (1) Any species collected.
- (2) The date on which a wild animal or nest or egg of a wild bird was collected.
- (3) A description of the location of the collection site.
- (4) The number of each species collected.
- (5) The treatments and markings, if any, of any wild animal collected.
- (6) The disposition of any wild animal or nest or egg of a wild bird collected.

The department shall not renew a license unless a properly completed report is received in a timely fashion.

(l) A license may be suspended, denied, or revoked under IC 4-21.5 if the license holder:

- (1) Fails to comply with a provision of a license issued under this section;
- (2) Fails to comply with IC 14-22-22-2;
- (3) Provides false information on the license application and report;
- (4) Fails to establish that the collection or release of a specimen would not threaten the welfare of the wild animal population or the people;
- (5) Collects or releases a specimen that is likely to threaten the welfare of the wild animal population; or
- (6) Collects or releases a specimen that is likely to threaten the welfare of the people.