

Factsheet – Commercial baiting operators

Who is this factsheet for?

This factsheet is for persons who intend to provide baiting services to landholders or other entities on a fee-for-service basis.

It details the requirements that apply to commercial baiting operators using Restricted S7 (RS7) poisons¹ under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* (the MPA).

What are the requirements?

- Persons seeking to provide commercial baiting services (Commercial Baiting Operators (CBO)) on a 'fee-for-service' basis will be required to apply for a **manufacturing licence** and a **general approval** for dealing with RS7 poisons. Authorities may be granted to individuals or entities.
- The manufacturing licence authorises the CBO to **manufacture** fresh baits using RS7 poisons (e.g. injecting fresh meat baits with 1080 solution) and **supply** (sell) these baits to landholders or entities.
- The general approval will authorise the CBO to **buy, possess, apply and dispose**, of baiting products containing RS7 poisons, including fresh baits manufactured by the CBO or APVMA registered products containing RS7 poisons (e.g. shelf stable baits, pest ejector device capsules).
- A **retail licence** will also be required if the CBO intends to **buy** APVMA registered products containing RS7 poisons and **supply** these products to landholders or entities.

RS7 poisons for invasive animal control

- RS7 poisons for invasive animal control include para-aminopropiophenone (PAPP), strychnine and fluoroacetic acid (1080).
- Baits with a concentration of less than or equal to 0.05% fluoroacetic acid are called low-risk fluoroacetic acid baits (LRFABs).

Conditions of authority

- CBOs must ensure that each of their employees dealing with RS7 poisons, holds the competencies prescribed in the Departmental Standard, '*Competency requirements for authority holders dealing with poisons – version 1.*'

¹ A full list of RS7 poisons can be found in schedule 1 of the Medicines and Poisons (Poisons and Prohibited Substances) Regulation 2021.

- CBOs will be required to have a Substance Management Plan (SMP). An SMP is a document that identifies and addresses the risks associated with the regulated activities and must demonstrate how those risks will be controlled.
- The SMP must comply with the Departmental Standard, '*Substance management plans for regulated poisons – version 1.*' For information and guidance on what to include in an SMP, please see the Departmental Standard and the factsheet, '*Do I need a Substance Management Plan.*'
- CBOs applying RS7 baits on a landholder's or entity's properties will be required to undertake a risk assessment and to keep records of supply of baits. For more information, refer to the '*Risk Assessment – Commercial Baiting.*'
- Compliance with the requirements prescribed in the Guidelines for storage of poisons and prohibited substances and the regulated poisons disposal requirements, must be demonstrated including under an SMP if required as a condition of licence.
- CBOs must only supply RS7 baits or APVMA registered products to a person who is the holder of a general approval under the MPA that authorises them to buy and possess the baits or products.

How to apply for a licence or general approval

To apply for a licence or a general approval, go to [Poisons substance authorities forms and fees | Queensland Health](#) webpage.

For further information

- Factsheets and templates
 - Retail licence for Schedule 7 poisons
 - Risk Assessment template – Commercial Baiting
- Departmental Standards
 - Substance management plans for regulated poisons – version 1
 - Competency requirements for authority holders dealing with poisons – version 1
 - Substance management plans for regulated poisons – version 1

The above documents can be found at the Queensland Health webpage, [Medicines, poisons and pest management | Queensland Health](#)