

Information regarding new legislative requirements for beekeepers

Thursday, 19 April 2018

I, Roger Paskin, Chief Inspector of Stock under the *Livestock Act 1997*, hereby notify all beekeepers of the new legislative requirements as set out in **Table A** that came into operation on Thursday, 19 April 2018.

Table A. New legislative requirements for beekeepers

Column A Legislative requirement	Column B Date became law, further specifics, and further information
<p>Sec. 24 Condition of registration</p> <p>A condition of registration as a beekeeper is the requirement to have read and understood the latest PIRSA information on identifying notifiable conditions, and to acknowledge that they have done so.</p>	<p>Date became law: 19 April 2018</p> <p>Further specifics: All beekeepers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have read and understood the approved information within the beekeepers first period of registration after the 1st June 2018, and every year thereafter • acknowledge they have done so at the beekeepers first registration after the 18th April 2019, and every year thereafter <p>Further information: Approval of information on notifiable honeybee pests and diseases Notifiable honeybee pests and diseases</p>
<p>Reg. 9 Hive identification</p> <p>(4) A registered beekeeper must ensure that any swarm catch box kept by the beekeeper other than at the beekeeper's usual place of residence is marked on the outside with the beekeeper's name and telephone number in characters that are at least 25 millimetres in height.</p>	<p>Date became law: 19 April 2018</p> <p>Further information: Approval of kinds of hives for the keeping of honeybees</p>
<p>Reg. 11 Bees must be kept in hives of an approved kind</p> <p>A person must not keep bees except in a hive of a kind approved by the Chief Inspector.</p>	<p>Date became law: 19 April 2018</p> <p>Further information: Approval of kinds of hives for the keeping of honeybees</p>
<p>Reg. 12A Provision of water suitable to sustain bees</p> <p>A beekeeper must ensure that water suitable to sustain bees under the beekeeper's care is available to the bees at a distance of not more than 200 metres from any hive.</p>	<p>Date became law: 19 April 2018</p>

Table A. New legislative requirements for beekeepers (continued)

Column A Legislative requirement	Column B Date became law, further specifics, and further information
<p>Reg. 13A Certain beekeepers to complete course in bee pest and disease management</p> <p>A beekeeper who keeps 50 or more hives must, within the beekeeper's first period of registration commencing after the commencement of this regulation, successfully complete a course in bee pest and disease management approved by the Chief Inspector.</p>	<p>Date became law: 19 April 2018</p> <p>Further specifics:</p> <p>All beekeepers with 50 or more hives must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have successfully completed an approved course within the beekeepers first period of registration after the 19th April 2018, and every 3 years thereafter • submit a copy of a pass result from an approved course at the beekeepers first registration after the 18th April 2019, and every 3 years thereafter <p>Further information:</p> <p>Approval of courses in pest and disease management to be undertaken by beekeepers</p>
<p>Reg. 13B Records to be kept by beekeepers</p> <p>(1) A beekeeper must make a record, in a manner and form determined by the Chief Inspector, of such information as is determined by the Chief Inspector.</p> <p>(2) A beekeeper must:</p> <p>(a) keep records made for the purposes of subregulation (1) for a period of at least 2 years from the date of the making of the records; and</p> <p>(b) keep the records readily accessible for inspection on request by an inspector.</p>	<p>Date became law: 19 April 2018</p> <p>Further specifics:</p> <p>All beekeepers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keep approved records as required commencing the 19th April 2018 • submit a copy of the following at the beekeepers first registration after the 18th April 2019, and every year thereafter, either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a pass result from an approved third party auditor of an audit undertaken on hives you own and completed within the 24 months proceeding your registration expiry date, or • records of specified biosecurity practices undertaken on hives you own within the 6 months proceeding your registration expiry date <p>Further information:</p> <p>Approval of the manner and form of records to be kept by beekeepers</p>

Comprehensive details outlining these requirements along with supporting information are available at http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/bees/hive_management or from the Apiary Unit, Biosecurity SA



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