State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 COMMERCIAL NATIVE RATTLESNAKE PERMIT APPLICATION

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VALID JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 *(If issued after January 1, valid on date of issuance)*

PERMIT FEE PER FACILITY: ❑ **NEW: $276.75** ❑ **RENEWAL: $150.12** ❑ **INSPECTION FEE: $791.75** *(New facilities only)*
(Fee includes a nonrefundable three percent (3%) application fee, not to exceed $7.50)

NOTE: AN INITIAL INSPECTION IS REQUIRED FOR NEW PERMITS PRIOR TO THE PERMIT BEING ISSUED. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HOUSE NATIVE RATTLESNAKES, AN INITIAL INSPECTION IS NOT REQUIRED.

IMPORTANT: If you will not be housing native rattlesnakes but will be developing products derived from native rattlesnake venom, please check the box below.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	GO ID NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER ❑MALE ❑FEMALE ❑NONBINARY	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DAY TELEPHONE

BUSINESS NAME (*If applicable*)	EMAIL ADDRESS	BUSINESS TELEPHONE

MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

COUNTY	FACILITY EMAIL ADDRESS	FACILITY TELEPHONE

LIST CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF ALL NATIVE RATTLESNAKES IN POSSESSION *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*
*** New Applicants: For rattlesnakes to be acquired, complete as "TBA".**

Qty.	Common Name	Scientific Name *(Include subspecies)*	Date Acquired or TBA*	Acquired Source

❑ **I am not housing native rattlesnakes and will only be developing products derived from venom extracted from native rattlesnake species.**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all conditions of this permit, the applicable provisions of the Fish and Game Code (FGC) and the regulations promulgated thereto. I certify that I am not currently under any Fish and Wildlife license or permit revocation or suspension, and that there are no other legal or administrative proceedings pending that would disqualify me from obtaining this permit. I agree that if I make any false statement as to any fact required as a prerequisite to the issuance of this permit, the permit is void and will be surrendered where purchased, and I understand that I may be subject to prosecution pursuant to FGC Section 1054 or to other administrative actions pursuant to California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 14, Section 746.

SIGNATURE	DATE

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REVIEWED BY/DATE	TRANSACTION #	ISSUED BY/DATE

NEW APPLICANTS – SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION WITH THIS APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE COMMERCIAL NATIVE RATTLESNAKE PERMIT APPLICATION

Please allow 60 calendar days for processing the application. This permit covers the commercial use and possession of native rattlesnakes for biomedical and therapeutic purposes. Records must be kept in accordance with CCR, Title 14, Section 42(h). A copy of the Commercial Native Rattlesnake Permit Record (form DFW 1044A) shall be submitted to the Department with renewal application by November 1st of each year. No permit shall be renewed unless the completed Commercial Native Rattlesnake Permit Record is submitted.

NOTE: PERMITTEES WHO ARE NOT RENEWING THEIR PERMITS MUST SUBMIT A COMMERCIAL NATIVE RATTLESNAKE PERMIT RECORD BY DECEMBER 31ST OR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE BUSINESS CLOSURE.

IMPORTANT: If you are not housing native rattlesnakes but will be developing products derived from native rattlesnake venom, please check the box above the signature line.

NEW APPLICANTS: You must be at least 18 years of age. You must have your permanent rattlesnake housing facility built and ready to be inspected by the Department when you submit this application. Submit the inspection fee, as specified in Section 703 with this application. If the permitted facility houses native rattlesnake species, your permanent rattlesnake housing facility must pass an inspection by the Department, as specified in CCR, Title 14, Section 42(e)(4), before your permit may be issued. The Department will contact you to schedule an appointment to have your facility inspected.

Incomplete applications will be returned and could delay the issuance of your permit. Contact the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5846 or SPU@wildlife.ca.gov if you need additional information regarding Commercial Native Rattlesnake Permits.

1. It is mandatory to complete all items.
2. If renewing your permit, you must submit a completed Commercial Native Rattlesnake Permit Record (DFW 1044A).
3. A resume that provides the dates and description of an applicant's or their employee's experience working with venomous snakes or snake venom and meeting the minimum qualifications, as described in CCR, Title 14, Section 42(d)(4).
4. Proof that you and any employees involved in handling rattlesnakes or their venom are at least 18 years of age, as described in CCR, Title 14, Section 42(d)(4).
5. A letter of reference, as described in CCR, Title 14, Section 42(d)(4).
6. A statement of purpose, as described in CCR, Title 14, Section 42(d)(4).
7. A copy of your Emergency Action Plan for each facility, as described in CCR, Title 14, Section 42(g).
8. Sign and date the application.
9. Mail this application, the Commercial Native Rattlesnake Permit Record (renewals only), a copy of your valid photo identification (new applicants only), all required documentation listed above with a cashier's check, money order, personal or business check* or credit card** authorization form for the appropriate fee to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: License and Revenue Branch, PO Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or apply in person. **DO NOT SEND CASH** ***

IDENTIFICATION AND BUSINESS DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

CCR, Title 14, Section 700.4(c) states that any applicant applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Any license document or Get Outdoors identification number (GO ID) previously issued via ALDS.
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile.
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel).
- US Birth Certificate.
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad.
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation.
- US Passport.
- A foreign government-issued photo identification.
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship.
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory.

All business applicants must provide documentation identifying the business' structure type. Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- Articles of Incorporation
- Statement of Partnership Authority
- Registration as a Limited Liability Partnership; or
- Certificate of Limited Partnership
- Statement of Partnership Authority
- Statement of Sole Proprietorship

If a business' identification names individual(s), each individual must provide a valid individual identification and provide their date of birth, sex, hair and eye color, height and weight.

NOTICE

Disclosure Statement - Under CCR, Title 14, Section 42, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is authorized to collect information from applicants to maintain a record of licensure. All information requested on this application is mandatory unless otherwise indicated. An applicant's name and city of residence may be provided to the public if requested. Other personal information submitted on this application may be released for law enforcement purposes, pursuant to court order, or for official natural resources management purposes.

A licensee may obtain a copy of his/her license records maintained by the Department by submitting a written request to the Custodian of Records, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: License and Revenue Branch, PO Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. All requests must include the requester's name, address, and telephone number.

PAYMENT POLICY

*** Personal or business checks** will be accepted by the Department if name and address are imprinted on the check. Checks returned to the Department due to insufficient funds will render your permit invalid. The Department may also deny the issuance or renewal of any permit if a person has failed to reimburse the Department for the amount due. Any activity performed without a valid permit is a violation of the Fish and Game Code and therefore subject to enforcement action.

**** Credit Cards**—Licenses, permits, tags, stamps, or registrations may be purchased with a Visa or MasterCard.

***** Cash** is not accepted at any California Department of Fish and Wildlife offices.