

Initials and date: _____

Application requirements

- Part A – applicant details (mandatory).
- Part B – interacting with DPIRD electronically (optional).
- Part C – finalising your application (mandatory).
- Part D – commercial farm development plan (CFDP) (mandatory).

Part A – Applicant details

1. Applicant details

Applicant details	Give details in space provided
Name of applicant Proposed permit holder	
ACN (if company)	
Current ASIC extract (if company)	☐ Yes, I have attached a current ASIC extract to this application (available to purchase from asic.gov.au)
Mailing address for all correspondence	Address Suburb State Postcode
Physical address for business <i>Cannot be a PO Box</i>	Address Suburb State Postcode

Applicant details	Give details in space provided
Preferred contact person	
Phone number for preferred contact	☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Mobile Number: _____ If a mobile is provided, do you authorise for the mobile number to be used for SMS alerts? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Email address for preferred contact	
Additional contact person <i>Optional</i>	Contact name Home/work/mobile number SMS alerts ☐ Yes ☐ No Email

2. Lease details

A permit will not be granted to you unless it authorises at least one lease or part thereof.

Lease number	Location	% to be authorised by the permit

How are you acquiring the above lease/s? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ lease tender process.
☐ lease transfer.
☐ lease sublet.

3. Permit class and species

What class of permit are you applying for?

- ☐ Class A – Extensive aquaculture where no nutrient input is required.
☐ Class B – Intensive aquaculture where nutrient input (for example, formulated feed) is required.

What species do you want to cultivate?

Common name	Scientific name

4. Working depot

You must have access to a working depot site and supply evidence that the working depot site has the appropriate approval.

Please indicate which one of the following 'evidence of approval' applies to you:

- ☐ An approval issued by the Department of Crown Lands, such as a lease or license authorising aquaculture land depot activities (including a subletting agreement); or
- ☐ An approval issued by the local council to carry out aquaculture land depot activities on private land (incl. industrial estates, factories etc.); or
- ☐ The acquisition of a water lease with an approved structure, which physically adjoins land with approved land-based access (the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that the structure and land-based access has been approved by the appropriate authority).

Is the working depot:

- ☐ Freehold
- ☐ Leasehold. Provide details of the leasehold below:

Address of the working depot:

5. Lease security arrangement

You must elect one of the following lease security arrangements and have that arrangement in place (cash deposit paid or bank guarantee certificate provided) within 60 days from the date the permit is granted.

If you do not have a lease security arrangement in place within this 60-day period, the Department will move to cancel the permit.

Arrangement	Description of arrangement
☐ Arrangement 1 Cash deposit	Calculate the total lease area held under your permit (including any sublet leases) and round up to the next whole hectare (for example, 10.7 ha is rounded up to 11 ha). Total hectares to be covered _____ ha Total cash deposit = total hectares x \$1,000 \$ _____

Arrangement	Description of arrangement
☐ Arrangement 2 Bank guarantee	Calculate the total lease area held under your permit (including any sublet leases) and round up to the next whole hectare (for example, 10.7 ha is rounded up to 11 ha). Total hectares to be covered _____ ha Total bank guarantee = total hectares x \$1,000 \$ _____

Part B – Interacting with DPIRD electronically (optional)

Tick the box below if you would like to be an e-business customer. This means that you will:

1. have access to AquaDirect, a self-service online system for aquaculture farmers. In this system you will be able to renew leases (at a reduced fee), update your contact information, and submit your annual production data.
2. receive formal and informal notices, authorities (for example, your aquaculture permit), invoices and debt notices, correspondence and other instruments electronically (instead of paper copies in the mail).

More information can be found at dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/fishing/aquaculture/aquadirect

☐ Please send me an AquaDirect and e-business form to complete (the form will be emailed to the email address provided in part A).

Part C – Finalising your application

1. Before you lodge your application

Before you lodge this application, you must review the [NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy](#) as it will provide you with guidance on best practice, as well as the planning and approval process for marine aquaculture leases.

It is recommended that you discuss your application with the Department before lodging it. Please call 02 4916 3900 or email aquaculture.management@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Have you reviewed the NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you had a discussion with the Aquaculture team at DPIRD?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Applicant declaration

All applicants must sign the declaration.

If the applicant is a company, the declaration must be signed by two directors, or one director and a secretary. If the company is a sole director company, then the sole director must state this next to their name.

I/We, the undersigned:

1. Have the authority to make this permit application.
2. Acknowledge that all the information provided in this application is true and correct.
3. Understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Applicant name	Applicant signature	Date

3. Payment of application fee

When you submit your application, the Department will email you an invoice for the application fee. Payment options will be provided on the invoice. **The invoice will be payable immediately.** If payment is not made within a reasonable timeframe your application will be returned to you.

Aquaculture fee schedule www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/fishing/aquaculture/publications/fees

4. Submit your application

- Mail: DPIRD Aquaculture Administration, Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay NSW 2315
- Email: aquaculture.administration@dpird.nsw.gov.au

Part D – Commercial farm development plan

You must submit a CFDP together with your permit application.

Please contact the Department on aquaculture.management@dpird.com.au or call us on 1300 603 845 for instructions on how to complete your CFDP. The following resources are also available:

- [New permit for marine waters | Department of Primary Industries](#)
- [Lease maintenance and development plan guidelines | Department of Primary Industries](#)
- [Biosecurity planning | Department of Primary Industries](#)
- [NSW Marine Waters Sustainable Aquaculture Strategy](#)

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