

Aotearoa New Zealand Bat Trainer Certification Application Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

Submit this application alongside other relevant forms to bathandler@doc.govt.nz

1. APPLICANT DETAILS (we will have most of this on record, but an opportunity to make sure we have the right info)

Name:	
Affiliation:	
City:	
Region:	Select a region
Phone:	
Email:	

Please fill in information for the competencies you wish to apply to become a trainer

Leave blank or delete rows that are not applicable to application

Merge cells where the same comment applies across multiple competencies if easier

2. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE

Accreditation		# of bats OR level of experience for 3.1-3.3 (estimate if needed)	Timeframe e.g. from 2008- 2024	# people you've trained (under supervision from another trainer)	Comments
1.1.1	Extract 30 individuals from a mist net				
1.1.2	Demonstrate correct mist net placement, set up, operation, attendance and extraction on 10+ different nights				
1.2.1	Lead identification of harp trap (free standing) placement				
1.2.2	Extract 10+bats appropriately from free standing traps				

1.2.3	Demonstrate harp trapping protocols (animal welfare considerations, trapping in the breeding season, rain, repair and maintenance etc)				
1.2.4	Lead set up and monitoring of trap(s) (roost entrances) on 10+ different nights				
1.2.5	Extract 10+ bats appropriately from traps hoisted up trees				
1.2.6	Demonstrate harp trapping protocols at roost entrances (safe trapping at tree roosts (risk management), predation risks, disturbance risks, animal welfare considerations, trapping in the breeding season, rain, repair and maintenance etc)				
2.1.1	Bagging, handling, sexing, aging, measuring, weighing and releasing 50 long-tailed bats				
2.1.2	Bagging, handling, sexing, aging, measuring, weighing and releasing 50 short-tailed bats				
2.2.1	Banding 50 long-tailed bats				
2.2.2	Demonstrate knowledge of how to remove bands safely (2 methods; demonstrate on model bat)				
2.3.1	Pit-tagging short-tailed bats				
2.3.2	Bat handling for pit tagging				
2.4.1	Demonstrate attaching 5 transmitters				
2.4.2	Attaching transmitters to 5 long-tailed bats				
2.4.3	Demonstrate attaching 5 transmitters				
2.4.4	Attaching transmitters to 5 short-tailed bats				
2.4.5	Demonstrate understanding of reasons for attaching transmitters, Animal Ethics issues, (risk management and animal welfare considerations, trapping				

3.1	Assessing roost tree use using Automatic Bat Monitors - Demonstrate correct timing, placement, and interpretation of data for 10+ times according to DOC's Bat Roost Protocols.				
3.2	Undertake roost watches/emergence counts at 10+ occupied roosts where the entrance is visible.				
3.3	In at least two different forest/habitat types, including the forest/habitat type where trees are going to be assessed: evaluate 10+ potential roost features in trees (e.g., cavities, peeling bark, epiphytes).				

3. DECLARATION

- ☐ I am familiar with and agree to abide by the [Best Practice Manual of Conservation Techniques for Bats](#) (2025)
- ☐ I am familiar with and agree to abide by the [Protocols for Minimising the Risk of Felling Occupied Roost Trees](#) (V4) (if training 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3)
- ☐ I am familiar with and agree to abide by the [Initial veterinary care for New Zealand bats manual](#) esp Appendix 6

Full name:

(or electronic signature)

Date:

Please submit this form electronically in Word format.