

Endorsement of new bat practitioner trainer

1.1 APPLICANT DETAILS	
Full name	
Email	
Date(s) of last experience with bats	
Date(s) of Trainer Assessment	

1.2 TRAINER DETAILS	
Full name	
Email	
Affiliation – how well do you know the applicant? Have you trained or worked on the same project together?	

Leave blank or delete rows that are not applicable to application

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

1.3 APPLICATION TYPE – WHICH COMPETENCIES HAVE YOU SEEN THEM TRAIN?	
Category	How many sessions have you observed the applicant training someone in these skills?
Extract individuals from a mist net	
Demonstrate correct mist net placement, set up, operation, attendance and extraction on 10+ different nights	
Lead identification of harp trap (free standing) placement	
Extract 10+bats appropriately from free standing traps	
Demonstrate harp trapping protocols (animal welfare considerations, trapping in the breeding season, rain, repair and maintenance etc)	
Lead set up and monitoring of trap(s) (roost entrances) on 10+ different nights	
Extract 10+ bats appropriately from traps hoisted up trees	
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)	
Bagging, handling, sexing, aging, measuring, weighing and releasing 50 long-tailed bats	
Bagging, handling, sexing, aging, measuring, weighing and releasing 50 short-tailed bats	
Banding 50 long-tailed bats	
Demonstrate knowledge of how to remove bands safely (2 methods; demonstrate on model bat)	

Bat handling for pit tagging	
Demonstrate attaching 5 transmitters Attaching transmitters to 5 long-tailed bats	
Demonstrate attaching 5 transmitters Attaching transmitters to 5 short-tailed bats	
Demonstrate understanding of reasons for attaching transmitters, Animal Ethics issues, (risk management and animal welfare considerations, trapping	
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.	
Undertake roost watches/emergence counts at 10+ occupied roosts where the entrance is visible.	
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).	

1.4 ENDORSEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRAINER. Please provide comment against each)

The applicant demonstrated:	
Breadth of experience beyond competency levels	
An understanding and experience of the ecology of New Zealand bats	
Adherence of DOC's Bat Best Practice Manual and relevant Recovery Group Advice Notes in what they taught	
A strong aptitude for, and/or experience of, teaching others about bats	
Effective communication skills	
The ability to say no to someone that isn't competent and shouldn't become accredited	
Demonstrated they will keep the interest of the bats and their welfare uppermost in the way they taught others and the decisions they made on site	

Additional comments	
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1.5 TRAINEE FEEDBACK (add or attach independent trainee feedback)
Please ensure that the trainee has an opportunity to provide independent feedback to you on the applicant's training abilities

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1.6 TRAINER DECLARATION (to be completed and signed by Level 3 trainers)

- ☐ I am completely satisfied that the candidate has achieved the skills required to become a trainer.
- ☐ I feel that the candidate needs to focus on gaining additional experience in these skills for:
- a.
- b.
- c.

If approved date for next Trainer Assessment refresher: Xx / xx / xxxx

Trainer Signature:

Date: