

# Rural landholders using Restricted S7 poisons for invasive animal control

## Factsheet

### Who is this factsheet for?

This factsheet is for landholders wanting to obtain and use restricted schedule 7 (RS7) poisons to control invasive animals (wild dogs, foxes, feral cats, rabbits and feral pigs), under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* (the MPA).

### Restricted S7 Poisons

The table below lists the RS7 poisons available in Queensland for invasive animal control.

Poison name	Form	Concentration and description
Fluoroacetic acid (1080)	Low-risk fluoroacetic acid baits (LRFAB)	Baits containing not more than 0.5 g of 1080 per kg of bait material (0.05%). May be in fresh baits (fruit, grain, vegetables) or manufactured shelf stable baits (e.g. Doggone, De-Fox, Pigout)
	Capsules used in pest ejector devices	Capsules containing 3 g of 1080 per L (foxes) or 6 g of 1080 per L (wild dogs)
	Liquid concentrate	Solution containing 30 g of 1080 per L, used to prepare fresh LRFABs
Para-aminopropiophenone (PAPP)	Manufactured shelf stable baits	Baits containing 11.4 g of PAPP per kg of bait (foxes) and 16.8 g of PAPP per kg of bait (wild dogs)
	Capsules used in pest ejector devices	Capsules containing 980 mg of PAPP per gram (foxes and wild dogs)
	Lethal paste used in foothold traps	Paste containing 720 g of PAPP per kg (foxes and wild dogs)

**\*Strychnine** – due to the scheduled expiry of APVMA Permit PER14004 (which authorises the use of strychnine in QLD) on the 30 June 2024, landholders can no longer apply for strychnine.

Other products that are not RS7 poisons (e.g. Sodium nitrite and Pindone) are available to control invasive animals. Landholders do not need an approval to obtain and use schedule 5 or 6 poisons. These poisons should be used in accordance with the products registered label.

### Obtaining Restricted S7 poisons

Landholders can obtain RS7 poisons in the following ways:

- Supply of LRFABs by local government authorised officers.**

Landholders can obtain LRFABs from local government authorised officers if the local government provides this service. Landholders do not require an approval from Queensland Health and do not need to hold competencies if the LRFABs are supplied to them by an authorised officer.

**2. Buying LRFABs from licensed S7 poison retailers or commercial baiting operators (CBO).**

Landholders must apply for a “General approval – Regulated Poisons (Low-risk fluoroacetic acid baits) Landholder”. There is no application fee, and no competencies are required. The application form can be found here [APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL APPROVAL – Manufactured low-risk fluoroacetic acid baits \(health.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/health/pest-control/pest-control-general-approval)

**3. Buying pest ejector capsules (1080 or PAPP) or PAPP manufactured baits from licensed S7 poison retailers or CBOs.**

Landholders must apply for a “General approval – Regulated Poisons Landholder”. There is no application fee, and two competencies are required:

- AHCCHM304 – Transport and store chemicals, and
- AHCCHM307 - Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases

The application form can be found here [APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL APPROVAL - Fluoroacetic Acid \(1080\), PAPP for landholders](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/health/pest-control/pest-control-general-approval).

To obtain 1080 concentrate to manufacture fresh LRFABs, landholders need to apply for a “GENERAL APPROVAL – Landholders”. There is no application fee, and three competencies are required:

- AHCCHM304 – Transport and store chemicals, and
- AHCCHM307 - Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
- AHCPMG312 – Apply poison baits for vertebrate pest control

The application form can be found here [APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL APPROVAL - Fluoroacetic Acid \(1080\), PAPP for landholders](https://www.health.qld.gov.au/health/pest-control/pest-control-general-approval).

Note: landholder approvals for 1080 concentrate may only be granted in the following exceptional circumstances:

- a) The landholder properties being baited are in remote regional areas where the supply of poisons by local government is not available. Written confirmation from the relevant local government must be provided confirming that baiting services are not available; and
- b) The applicant must provide written advice, why other baiting products (e.g. 1080/PAPP pest ejector devices, shelf stable baits) available by retail cannot be used.

## Commercial baiting operators

Landholders can engage a CBO to provide commercial invasive animal control services on property owned by the landholder. CBOs are authorised to manufacture, possess, apply and dispose of RS7 poisons for the control of invasive animals. In addition, CBOs can supply fresh LRFABs to landholders who hold an approval from Queensland Health. CBOs may also be able to supply shelf stable baits, pest ejector device capsules and 1080 concentrate.

Note: if a landholder engages a CBO and the landholder does not have any dealings with (possess, store, apply, dispose) the RS7 poisons, they do not need an approval and do not

need any competencies. However, if the landholder undertakes any dealings with the RS7 poisons they must hold an approval.

## Adult employees and agents

Adult employees and agents of landholders are authorised to deal with (possess, apply, dispose) RS7 poisons under the landholder's approval and supervision.

Prior to baiting day, landholders should notify the local government that an employee or agent of the landholder will be acting on their behalf and provide the details of the adult employee or agent. Without prior notification, local governments may refuse to supply RS7 poisons to landholders' employees or agents.

If a landholder's approval requires them to hold competencies their employees and agents must also have the same competencies to deal with the RS7 poisons.

## Competencies

The competencies **AHCCHM304**, **AHCCHM307** are the same required to obtain a commercial operator's licence under the *Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1966*. The competency **AHCPMG312** is an additional competency required for the safe preparation and distribution of poison baits prepared using 1080 concentrate.

A list of registered training organisations that deliver these competencies can be found at [Registered training organisations for commercial operator's licence qualifications | Business Queensland](#)

Note: **Ballistics Training Solutions** <https://www.ballistictraining.com.au/> is the only registered training provider that currently provides training for AHCPMG312 in Queensland.

## Additional information

Poisons related application forms can be found on the Queensland Health website at [Poisons substance authorities forms and fees | Queensland Health](#)

Additional information relating to the use of poisons and management of invasive animals is available on the Queensland Health website at [Invasive animal control | Queensland Health](#).

Queries about this factsheet can be made to the Environmental Hazards Unit by email at [environmentalhazards@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:environmentalhazards@health.qld.gov.au) or by phone on (07) 3328 9310.