



# Licence Application Form

Application for a licence to kill wild birds in the course of falconry

- Please complete this application form using **dark ink** and BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Return the completed form to the address shown.
- All questions should be answered as appropriate. Questions marked with ‘\*’ are mandatory and failing to complete these may result in delays to your application.
- If there is insufficient space for completing answers on this form, please attach a separate sheet.
- Natural England will aim to determine the outcome of a completed licence application within its published service standards.
- If you experience any problems completing this application – please contact Wildlife Licensing.

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<p><b>For Office Use Only</b></p> <p>Ref No:</p>
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## 1. Applicant Details

Please enter the details of the person or company who will become the licensee

### (a) Customer Details

\*Email Address

\*Title (please tick as appropriate) Mr  Mrs  Mx  Other  (Please Specify)

\*Forename  Middle Name  \*Surname

Professional Membership (e.g. CIEEM, IEMA, etc)

*If you represent an organisation please complete (i) (ii) and (iii)*

(i) \*Business Title  (ii) \*Company  (iii) \*Position

House Name / No.

\*Address Line 1

\*Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town

\*County

\*Postcode

Country

*Either 'Telephone No.' or 'Mobile No.' must be completed.*

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

Fax no.

\*Customer Type (e.g. Farmer, Householder, Ecologist, etc.)

### (b) Alternative Contact Details

In the event that the applicant is unavailable to discuss the application, it would be helpful if alternative contact details could be provided. By completing this section you are confirming that this contact is authorised to act on behalf of the applicant.

Name:

Tel Number:

Email Address:

## 2. Communication Preferences

Applicant preferences: Email  Post  Telephone

If 'Yes' for telephone, please provide a contact no.

### 3. Previous Applications

(a) \* To your knowledge, have there been any previous applications or licence decisions concerning this purpose?

Yes  No

*If 'No' please go to the next section. If 'Yes' to (a), please complete the following.*

(b) \* Date of most recent application:

(c) \* What was the subject of the previous applications (e.g. species and/or methods)?

(d) \* What is the application or licence reference number?

(e) \* What was the outcome of the previous application? (Please select one of the following)

Granted  Not Granted  Advice Only  Deferred  Not Yet Known

### 4. Purpose

\* Confirm the purpose of the application:

Falconry, under section 16(1)(e)

Note: This licence is specifically for the purpose of hunting wild birds for sport. It is not applicable if there is any commercial aspect (e.g. crop protection, public health and safety, air safety etc or where you are using trained raptors as a non-lethal option for one of these examples) in relation to the use of your hawks.

## 5. Conservation Considerations

(a) \* Do you plan to undertake any activity under the licence on and/or adjacent to, a Designated Site? Yes  No  N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please complete the table below. If 'No', please go the next section

Please indicate whether the activity will fall on and/or adjacent to a designated site:	Designated Site Name:	Type of Designated Site <i>E.g. National Nature Reserve (NNR), Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Ramsar Site, Ancient Monument, Marine Nature Reserve (MNR), Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)</i>
On <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to <input type="checkbox"/>		
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(b) Have you received permission from all the designated site managers? Yes  No  Not Known

(c) Have you consulted with Natural England for advice on the implications of the application on the designated sites? Yes  No  Not Known

(d) Please give either the outcome of your consultations or the reason why you have not consulted us. Please provide any relevant correspondence and the name of the local Natural England adviser or reserve manager consulted.

(e) Will work extend into future years? *(If 'Yes' please state how many years it will extend for)* Yes  \_\_\_\_\_ years No

(f) Is work part of a wider project or contributing to local Biodiversity Action Plans? Yes  No  Not Known

(g) Is the location covered by a Natural England Agri-Environment agreement (i.e. Environmental Stewardship)? *(If 'Yes' please provide the agreement reference number)* Yes  No  N/A   
Ref. No:

## 6. Authorisation

(a) \*Is the applicant the owner / occupier of the land? Yes  No  N/A

If 'Yes' to (a) please go to the next section. If 'No' to (a) please answer (b).

(b) Have you received the owner occupier's permission to apply? Yes  No

Please note that it is your responsibility as the applicant to obtain the owner or occupier's permissions to act under licence on their property.

You may be asked to provide documentation which confirms that you have owner or occupier's permissions and we will contact you if this is necessary.

## 7. Application Details

(a) Please add details for the birds you wish to fly. Please complete one column per falconry species:

	Licensable Action 1	Licensable Action 2
Application Subject	<i>Falconry</i>	<i>Falconry</i>
* Species	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel <input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Sparrowhawk <input type="checkbox"/> European Kestrel <input type="checkbox"/> Goshawk (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Gyr x Peregrine <input type="checkbox"/> Gyr x Saker <input type="checkbox"/> Harris Hawk <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine x Merlin <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine x Prairie <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine x Saker <input type="checkbox"/> Saker Falcon (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel <input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Sparrowhawk <input type="checkbox"/> European Kestrel <input type="checkbox"/> Goshawk (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Gyr x Peregrine <input type="checkbox"/> Gyr x Saker <input type="checkbox"/> Harris Hawk <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine x Merlin <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine x Prairie <input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine x Saker <input type="checkbox"/> Saker Falcon (all sub species) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If 'Other' species, please specify		
Identification Mark	<input type="checkbox"/> Close ring <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarked	<input type="checkbox"/> Close ring <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarked
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Marker Number		
Counties in which you propose to fly the falcon(s)		
Proposed Date From		
Proposed Date To		

(b) Please indicate the quarry species and the numbers you wish to kill in the course of falconry.

*Please note: licences are only issued for a maximum total of 50 quarry birds per falcon.*

	Bird 1		Bird 2	
* Bird Marker Number				
* Quarry Species and Number to be Taken	Blackbird		Blackbird	
	Black-headed gull		Black-headed gull	
	Carrion crow		Carrion crow	
	Collared dove		Collared dove	
	Common gull		Common gull	
	Dunnock		Dunnock	
	Feral pigeon		Feral pigeon	
	Fieldfare		Fieldfare	
	Great black-backed gull		Great black-backed gull	
	Herring gull		Herring gull	
	House sparrow		House sparrow	
	Jackdaw		Jackdaw	
	Jay		Jay	
	Lapwing		Lapwing	
	Lesser black-backed gull		Lesser black-backed gull	
	Magpie		Magpie	
	Meadow pipit		Meadow pipit	
	Mistle thrush		Mistle thrush	
	Redwing		Redwing	
	Rook		Rook	
	Skylark		Skylark	
	Song thrush		Song thrush	
	Starling		Starling	
Stock dove		Stock dove		
Woodpigeon		Woodpigeon		

*Natural England will not issue a quarry licence in respect of a bird which is on Schedule 4 which has not been properly registered. Birds for which an un-rung licence has been issued must also be microchipped. Natural England will not issue a licence for any bird which is not close rung microchipped.*

*Please note: If the species you wish to take is not listed above please, supply the species name below and fully justify why you wish to take it. If you require additional space please use an additional sheet and submit this with your application*

## 8. Supplementary Information

*Please provide any additional information you may have to support your application.*

## 9. Using and Sharing Your Information

How we use your personal information is set out in the Wildlife Licensing privacy notice which can be found here .

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-england-privacy-notice>

**Important Advice:**

- **If your application is made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such an offence is liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. Regarding other wildlife legislation, we will look to provisions in the Fraud Act 2006 (as amended) in respect of applicants making any false representations.**
- **Natural England or the Secretary of State can modify or revoke at any time any licence that is issued, but this will not be done unless there is good reason for doing so. Any licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information has been provided that resulted in the issue of a licence.**

## 10. Declaration

### 10a. Convictions

\* Have you or any person listed in the application been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence?

Yes  No

If 'Yes':

Please provide details of the convictions: *(including dates)*

### 10b. Applicant Declaration.

I have read and understood the privacy notice above.

- Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners / occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.
- I have read and understood the guidance provided in the application form and on the Wildlife Licensing Internet guidance pages. I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I declare the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with the information I have provided.
- I confirm that there is no satisfactory alternative to meet the need/resolve the problem detailed in this application.

I agree to the declaration above.

Signature of Applicant:

For electronic applications, please insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm with the declaration.

Name: *(In BLOCK letters)*

Date:



## 11. Annex - Application Notes

### *Applicant*

The applicant is the person submitting the application (usually the landowner or occupier) who, if the licence was granted, would become the licensee. The applicant may appoint agents to produce the application pack and act on their behalf. A person with specific skills and knowledge of the species concerned, such as a consultant ecologist, must be appointed to assist in the preparation and the delivery of the proposals that ensure the species protection requirements can be met.

### *Licensee*

The "Licensee" named on the licence is responsible for ensuring that all activities carried out on site in relation to the licence comply with the terms and conditions of the licence. This means that all authorised persons have a responsibility for ensuring that the licence terms and conditions, including any annex special conditions, are understood and complied with. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution.