



# Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

## Permit Application for Temporary Exemption to Possess Prohibited and Restricted Native Turtles for Personal Use

For assistance completing this form, please call 337-735-8676 or email [LDWFHerps@wlf.la.gov](mailto:LDWFHerps@wlf.la.gov).  
All prohibited native turtles must be registered with LDWF by **July 19, 2025**.

### 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

**NOTE:** Missing or incomplete information may delay application processing time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Physical location where prohibited species will be held (if different from mailing address):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Would you like to help us reduce paper by choosing to receive your permit by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### 2. APPLICATION TYPE:

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ New application for native turtles  
☐ Renewal application for native turtles

### 3. PERMIT AND CAGING REQUIREMENTS:

It is unlawful to engage in captive breeding activities for native turtles or to release captive turtles, regardless of age or species, into the wild unless approved and permitted by LDWF.

For turtles kept indoors, minimum enclosure size shall be based on the straight-line carapace (top shell) length, and shall be 5 times that length on the longest side, 3 times that length on the shortest side, and 2 times that length in height.

☐ I have turtles housed outdoors.

Please describe your outdoor setup: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have attached photos of the outdoor enclosure(s).

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Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have turtles housed indoors.

Size of tank/enclosure: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have attached photos of the indoor enclosure(s).

☐ I am willing to increase the enclosure size as necessary.

**4. PROHIBITED SPECIES INVENTORY REPORT** (If more space is needed, include additional information as an attachment):

SPECIES	SEX (M, F, or Unk)	AGE	QUANTITY

5. AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify and affirm that all of the information provided in this application is accurate and complete and

- (1) *I attest that I possess the native turtles included as part of this permit and agree to comply with LAC 76:XV.101.*
- (2) *I have read and agree to follow the rules pertaining to possession of prohibited turtles (LAC 76:XV.101).*
- (3) *I agree to not acquire any additional restricted native turtles until the number of restricted turtles in possession is below the limit set forth in LAC 76:XV.101.G.2.*
- (4) *I agree to allow inspection of property by authorized employees of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries during normal business hours.*
- (5) *I acknowledge that it is unlawful to release captive native turtles into the wild or transfer possession of native turtles except to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or their designated agent.*

I understand that under Louisiana law it is a crime to make a false statement on this form.

Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return completed application to:  
State Herpetologist, Wildlife Diversity Program  
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
200 Dulles Drive  
Lafayette, LA 70506  
Email: [LDWFHerps@wlf.la.gov](mailto:LDWFHerps@wlf.la.gov)

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may refuse issuance of a permit if the applicant has received a final conviction for a Title 56 or Title 76, Class 3 or higher violation within three years prior to application submittal.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reserves the right to determine if an application meets the requirements for issuance.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will endeavor to respond within 30 days of receipt of application.

LDWF Contact	Name: Keri Lejeune	Title: State Herpetologist
	Address: 200 Dulles Dr., Lafayette, LA 70506	Phone: 337-735-8676

Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Under the authority of Section G of LAC 76:XV.101, the applicant is hereby granted a temporary exemption to possess native turtles as specified above until those individuals expire.

The following conditions apply to this permit:

- It is unlawful to commercially take, possess, sell, purchase, trade, barter, exchange, import, or export native turtles, their eggs, or any parts thereof, or attempt to commercially take, possess, sell, purchase, trade, barter, exchange, import, or export native turtles, their eggs, or any parts thereof.
- Any person in possession of prohibited native turtles or exceeding the limit of restricted native turtles shall have until July 19, 2025 to register those native turtles in their possession with LDWF, in order to retain the registered animals for the life of said animals.
- Permits for registered native turtles shall expire on December 31 and must be renewed annually within 30 days of expiration.
- Captive breeding activities and collection of native turtle eggs is prohibited unless approved and permitted by LDWF.