**New Zealand National Bird Banding Scheme (NZNBBS)**

**Appendix 1. Application for Mist-netting Endorsement**

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| **1.1 APPLICANT DETAILS** | | | |
| Full name |  | | |
| Email |  | | |
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| **1.2 TRAINER DETAILS** | | | |
| Full name |  | | |
| NZNBBS number |  | | |
| Email |  | | |
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| **1.3 APPLICATION TYPE** | | | |
| **Category** | | **Certification level requested** | |
| Non-waterfowl (e.g. Passerines) | |  | |
| Large parrots (Kea, Kaka) | |  | |
| Waders | |  | |
| Waterfowl | |  | |
| Bats | |  | |
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| **1.4 Endorsement** (To be completed by the L3 Trainer**.** Do **NOT** simply ‘tick the boxes’, please comment) | | | |
| How many mist-netting sessions have *you* observed this trainee undertake? | | |  |
| How many birds have you *directly* observed this trainee extract from mist-nets? (applicant to complete species list under 1.7 of this form) | | |  |
| The applicant: | | | |
| Knows how to set nets safely in different habitats and weather conditions | | |  |
| Has used nets in a variety of situations: (detail experience with, e.g. canopy rigs, netting over water, passerine roost netting, netting at night). | | |  |
| Is capable of furling nets in such a way that netting will not unravel or hang in loose loops, even in windy conditions | | |  |
| Can tie a guy to a mist-net pole securely so that it will not slip e.g. a round turn and two half hitches or a clove hitch | | |  |
| Has demonstrated competency in dealing with multiple birds in the net at once, and prioritising which birds need to be extracted first. | | |  |
| Can clearly explain to trainees how to extract birds in different situations and would know when/how to assist if a trainee is having difficulty with extracting a bird. | | |  |
| For non-waterfowl applications only:  Has extracted a wide variety of species\* under the guidance of a qualified mist-netter and is able to extract birds:   * With strong claws (e.g. starling, bellbird, tūī) * With delicate tarsi (e.g. grey warbler) * Whose carpals are prone to tangle badly in netting (e.g. small waders, thrushes) * Whose tongues are prone to tangle (thrushes) * Which have an ability to inflict pain (e.g. tūī) | | |  |
| Additional comments | | |  |

\* Numbers achieved are NOT a measure of skill and candidates should not be expected to qualify if their trainer believes further training is necessary. Please revisit [NZNBBS Competencies List](https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/bird-banding/how-to-become-a-certified-bander/bird-banding-competencies/) if uncertain.

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| **1.5 TRAINER DECLARATION (to be completed and signed by Level 3 trainers)** | | | | |
| ☐ I am completely satisfied that the candidate has achieved the skills required for the certification level requested.  ☐ I feel that the candidate needs to focus on gaining additional experience in these skills for mist-netting certification:  a.  b.  c. | | | | |
| Trainer Signature: |  | | | |
| Date: |  | | | |
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| **1.6 APPLICANT DECLARATION (to be completed and signed by applicant)** | | | | |
| ☐ I declare that the information provided in this application form is a true and proper record of the training I have undertaken. I have also read the *Bird Bander’s Manual* and agree to abide by this and any conditions and guidelines stipulated in the relevant [Wildlife Act Authorisations](https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/interacting-with-wildlife/) or by the Banding Office. | | | | |
| Applicant signature: | |  | | |
| Date: | |  | | |
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| **1.7 SPECIES LIST (to be completed by the applicant)** | | | | |
| **Species** | | | **Total number of mist-net extractions** for this species | **Number of mist-net extractions** under *this* trainer |
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