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

**Part C: Banding Endorsement Form**

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| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| This form is to be filled out by the Level 3 trainer and can be emailed directly to bandingoffice@doc.govt.nz.**Applicants:** please note that applicants need to submit *at least two* endorsement forms for L2 and L3 applications. Please only fill this form out based on your personal experience training the applicant in capture and marking of birds. If you do not feel comfortable to provide an endorsement for the applicant at this stage or have any queries regarding this form, please contact the Banding Office.  |
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| **C1. BANDER TRAINING** |
| Applicant name:  | NZNBBS Bander ID: |
| Approximately how much time have you spent training the applicant? If possible, provide an estimate of the number of sessions over a given time-frame (days, months, years) |  |
| Is the applicant able to: |
| Follow the Banders Code of Conduct as stipulated in the *Bird Bander’s Manual*? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
| Identify species likely to be caught during banding operations or able to use appropriate identification guides? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
| Confidently handle all species likely to be caught during banding operations? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
| Identify on a bird the standard topographical terms as shown in the *Bird Bander’s Manual*? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
| Recognise the types of weather conditions in which it is safe to trap birds? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  Comment: |
| Take basic morphometrics i.e. maximum wing chord and weight? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  Comment: |
| Fit correctly a variety of band types, material and sizes (appropriate to the species group)? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  Please list band type, material and sizes for which you have personally supervised the applicant: |
| Identify and then adjust or remove a badly fitted band? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
| Age and sex species using general methods e.g. different feather generations, feather shapes, growth bars and feather abrasion, brood patch, cloacal protuberance, sexually dimorphic colour or size? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ] Comment: |
| Number accurately primaries, secondaries, tertials and tail feathers in a variety of species following the system used in the *Bird Bander’s Manual*? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ] Comment: |
| Recognise the state of health of a bird such as chilling, stress, cramp, weak condition and take appropriate action when necessary? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ] Comment: |
| Place the welfare of the bird above the need to band in order to achieve a goal/project?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ] Comment: |
| *If the species group applied for includes the use of large stainless steel bands (≥10mm internal diameter):*  |
| The applicant is aware of the technique to counteract inherent springiness, and is competent at this technique?  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not applicable [ ] Comment: |
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| **C2. LEVEL 3 COMPETENCIES (compulsory if applicant is applying for L3 in any category)** |
| Is the applicant able to (please provide a description): |
| Keep good field records and record and submit data using the latest Bander’s Data BOX template? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ] Comment: |
| Describe the permit ([Wildlife Act Authority](https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/interacting-with-wildlife/)) requirements for capturing and marking birds, and ensure all relevant permits are in place before undertaking these activities? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
| Provide an adequate level of training to trainee banders? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ] Comment: |
| Communicate effectively with members of the public about banding in general? | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Not sure [ ]  |
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| **C3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** |
| Please disclose and explain any real or perceived conflict of interest in your role as endorser of this applicant.  |
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| **C4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** |
| Please provide 1-2 short paragraphs outlining the applicant’s bird banding and handling skills and experience. Include additional notes regarding their competency in scoring moult, extent of experience with capture methods, sampling of biological material and attachment of loggers/device. Also note any reservations, or areas where you feel additional experience is required. Note that separate endorsement forms need to be completed for [mist-netting](https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/native-animals/birds/bird-banding/nznbbs-mist-netting-endorsement-application-form.docx), [banding of pulli](https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/native-animals/birds/bird-banding/nznbbs-pullus-nestling-endorsement-application-form.docx) and [insertion of transponders](https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/native-animals/birds/bird-banding/nznbbs-transponder-insertion-endorsement-application-apr2018.docx). |
| ☐ 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:a.b.c.Comments: |
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| **C5. ENDORSEMENT** |
| Please tick all relevant boxes for the levels and species group that you endorse the applicant for. Note: you are only able to endorse the applicant for species groups that you have personally trained them in and for which you currently hold L3 certification.  |
| **Species group** | **Number observed banded**  | **Endorse for L2?** | **Endorse for L3?** | **Suggested species restrictions / comments** |
| Captive/Rehab |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Kiwi |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Gamebirds |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Waterfowl |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Penguins |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Seabirds (<10mm bands) |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Seabirds (10mm+ bands) |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Herons & allies |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Raptors & Owls |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Rails |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Waders |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Pigeons & Doves |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Parrots |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| Passerines |  | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
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| **C6. TRAINER DECLARATION** |
| [ ]  I declare that all information provided in this form is true and correct and has been completed by me in my capacity as a Level 3 trainer. |
| Name:Email:Signature: | NZNBBS Bander ID:Wildlife Act Authorisation:Date: |