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1. Citation

These regulations are the *Cat Regulations 2012* ¹.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows —

- regulations 1 and 2 on the day on which these regulations are published in the Gazette;
- the remaining regulations, other than (b) regulations 7, 9, 10, 19, 20 and 26 — on the day after that day;
- regulation 7— on the day on which the *Veterinary* Surgeons Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2012 regulation 4 comes into operation;
- regulations 9, 10, 19, 20 and 26 on 1 November 2013. (d)

3. Terms used

(1) In these regulations —

> Form refers to a Form prescribed under these regulations and set out in Schedule 1;

registered training provider has the meaning given by the Vocational Education and Training Act 1996 section 5(1).

When a certificate is described as being issued by a local (2) government, that certificate may be issued over the counter, by mail or by electronic means.

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4. Cat management facility operators (s. 3(1))

For the purposes of the definition of cat management facility paragraph (b) in section 3(1) of the Act, each of the following bodies are prescribed as operators of a facility for keeping cats —

- Cat Welfare Society Inc., trading as "Cat Haven"; (a)
- Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (b) (Inc) of Western Australia.

5. Microchip devices (s. 3(1))

- (1) For the purposes of the definition of *microchip* in section 3(1) of the Act, an identification device must be of a type that complies with both of the following Australian Standards —
 - AS 5018 2001 Electronic Animal Identification National coding scheme, published 29 June 2001;
 - AS 5019 2001 Electronic Animal Identification Radiofrequency methods, published 7 June 2001.
- A person must not sell, supply or provide a microchip for (2) microchipping a cat, unless the microchip complies with subregulation (1).

Penalty: a fine of \$5 000.

A microchip implanter must not implant a microchip in a cat, (3) unless the microchip complies with subregulation (1). Penalty: a fine of \$5 000.

6. Microchip database companies (s. 3(1))

For the purposes of the definition of *microchip database* company paragraph (a)(ii) in section 3(1) of the Act, each of the following bodies is a microchip database company —

- (a) Central Animal Records (Aust) Pty Ltd;
- (b) HomeSafeID;
- PetBase Pty Ltd, trading as "Petsafe"; (c)

- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (ABN (d) 69 793 644 351), trading as "Australasian Animal Registry";
- The Lost Dogs Home Inc., trading as "National Pet (e) Register".

7. Microchip implanters (s. 3(1))

- For the purposes of the definition of *microchip implanter* (1) paragraph (a) in section 3(1) of the Act, each of the following persons is prescribed —
 - (a) a veterinarian;
 - a veterinary nurse, as defined in the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1960 section 2.
- For the purposes of the definition of *microchip implanter* (2) paragraph (b) in section 3(1) of the Act, a unit of competency in microchip implantation of cats and dogs entitled "ACMMIC401A Implant microchip in cats and dogs" (provided by a registered training provider) together with one or more of the following courses (also provided by a registered training provider) —
 - (a) Advanced Certificate in Veterinary Nursing;
 - Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing; (b)
 - Certificate III in Animal Technology; (c)
 - Certificate III in Companion Animal Services; (d)
 - Certificate III in Local Government (Animal (e) Management);
 - Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation; (f)
 - Certificate IV in Animal Welfare (Regulation); (g)
 - Certificate IV in Captive Animals; (h)
 - Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services, (i)

is a prescribed qualification.

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8. Microchipping a cat (s. 3(1))

For the purposes of the definition of *microchipped* in section 3(1) of the Act, a microchip is implanted in the prescribed manner if it is implanted by a microchip implanter.

[9, 10. Have not come into operation 2 .]

11. Manner of application for registration (s. 8(2))

- (1) To apply to register a cat, the owner of the cat must supply the details required in Form 1 Parts A, B, D, F and G to the local government.
- (2) The details required may be supplied by completing the relevant provisions of Form 1 using a hard copy of an application provided by the local government or by using an electronic online system provided for that purpose by the local government.
- (3) If the relevant details are supplied by using an electronic online system provided for that purpose, the signature of the applicant is not required.

12. Period of registration (s. 9(7))

- (1) Registration of a cat may be for
 - (a) either one year or 3 years; or
 - (b) for the life of the cat.
- (2) Registration of a cat
 - (a) unless sooner cancelled, remains in force from the date specified in the certificate until 31 October either
 - (i) next ensuing; or
 - (ii) where an extended registration period has been elected by the owner, ensuing in the last registration year of that period;

and

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(b) may be renewed to take effect as from 1 November in any year, within the preceding period of 21 days.

13. Changes in registration

Where a cat is registered with a local government and the owner moves to another local government area, the owner may notify both the former and the new local government to continue that period of registration with the new local government.

14. Registration certificate (s. 11(1)(b))

A registration certificate issued by a local government is to be in the form of Form 2.

15. Registration tags (s. 76(2))

- (1) A registration tag is to be
 - (a) marked with a registration number issued by the relevant local government; and
 - (b) marked with the name of the local government and its contact number; and
 - (c) coloured in the colour representing the year of expiry of the registration to which it relates.
- (2) A lifetime registration tag is to be coloured orange.
- (3) The Minister may from time to time designate, by notice published in the *Gazette*, the colours that represent the years on which registration expires.

16. Information to be recorded in local government cat register (s. 12(3))

The information to be recorded by a local government, in its register, in respect of each cat registered by it is as follows —

- (a) the cat owner's full name;
- (b) the cat owner's residential address;

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- (c) the cat owner's postal address (if different from the residential address);
- (d) the cat owner's date of birth;
- (e) the cat owner's contact telephone numbers home, work and mobile;
- (f) the cat owner's email address;
- (g) details of an alternative contact (i.e. if the owner cannot be contacted);
- (h) the address at which the cat is normally kept;
- (i) the cat's name;
- (i) the cat's registration number;
- (k) the cat's sterilisation status;
- (l) the cat's microchip number;
- (m) the breed (*if known*), colour and gender of the cat.

17. Information to be given by microchip implanter to microchip database company (s. 15)

The information to be given, by a microchip implanter, to the microchip database company in relation to a cat he or she has microchipped is as follows —

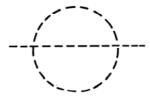
- (a) the microchip barcode information or sticker;
- (b) the microchip number;
- (c) the microchip implanter's full name;
- (d) if the microchip implanter is a part of a company or organisation, the name of that company or organisation;
- (e) full contact details for the microchip implanter's company or organisation (*if applicable*);
- (f) the date the cat was microchipped;
- (g) the cat owner's full name;
- (h) the cat owner's residential address;

- (i) the cat owner's contact telephone numbers home, work and mobile:
- (j) the cat owner's email address;
- (k) the address at which the cat is normally kept;
- (1) the cat's name;
- (m) the age, breed (*if known*), colour, gender and sterilisation status of the cat.

18. Manner in which a cat is identified as sterilised (s. 19)

- (1) A cat is identified as sterilised by a sterilisation certificate given in relation to that cat under section 21 of the Act or a sterilisation tattoo on the cat's ear.
- (2) A sterilisation tattoo is to consist of a broken circle with a bisecting broken line.





[19, 20. Have not come into operation ².]

21. Manner and form of application to breed cats (s. 36(2))

An application for the grant or renewal of approval to breed cats under section 36 of the Act is to contain the details required in Form 1 Parts A, B, E, F and G.

22. Other circumstances leading to refusal of approval to breed cats (s. 37(2)(f))

(1) A local government may refuse an application for the grant or renewal of an approval to breed cats, if the local government is satisfied that an infringement notice under the Act has been

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- issued to, and paid by, the applicant within the 12 months prior to the application.
- (2) Where a local government is satisfied that an infringement notice under the Act has been issued to the applicant within the 12 months prior to the application, but the matter has not been resolve by either payment or court proceedings, the local government may defer consideration of an application for the grant or renewal of an approval to breed cats until the matter is resolved.

23. Person who may not be refused approval to breed cats (s. 37(5))

A local government is not to refuse an application for the grant or renewal of an approval to breed cats, if the applicant —

- (a) has attained the age of 18 years; and
- (b) has not been convicted within the previous 3 years of an offence against
 - (i) the *Cat Act 2011*; or
 - (ii) the *Dog Act 1976*; or
 - (iii) the Animal Welfare Act 2002;

and

- (c) is a current member of one of the following organisations and associations
 - (i) the Cat Owners Association of Western Australia (COAWA);
 - (ii) the Feline Control Council of Western Australia (FCCWA);
 - (iii) the Australian National Cats (ANCATS).

24. Duration of approval to breed cats (s. 37(6))

An approval to breed cats, or a renewal of approval, granted under section 37 of the Act has effect for one year.

25. Certificate given to approved cat breeder (s. 39(1))

The certificate to be given by a local government to an approved cat breeder is to be in the form of Form 4.

Has not come into operation ².] *[26.*]

Infringement notice (s. 63(1)) 27.

The form of an infringement notice is Form 6.

28. Withdrawal of infringement notice (s. 65(1))

The form of withdrawal of an infringement notice is Form 7.

29. **Objection (s. 69(2))**

The form of an objection is Form 8.

30. Modified penalties (s. 63(2))

The penalties set out in Schedule 2 column 4 are the prescribed modified penalties for the offences in columns 2 and 3 to which the penalties correspond, for the purposes of section 63(2) of the Act.

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Schedule 1 — Forms

Form 1 — Details to be provided under various provisions

Cat Act 2011 s. 8

[r. 11, 14, 21 and 25]

Cat owner's full name _	
Residential address	
Postal address (if different from above)	
Age (dd/mm/yy) (Owner must be 18 years or older)	<u>//</u>)
Contact telephone number	
(home, work, mobile)	(H)
	(W)
Email address (if availab	(M)
Can your local governme	ent use this email address to issue rene at information? Yes/No
	(delete one)
Alternative contact deta	
Alternative contact deta	ails (optional)

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	(Must be 18 years or older)	/
	Contact telephone number (home, work, mobile)	(H)
	(none, work, moone)	(W)
4 D	Cat datatle	(M)
art D -	— Cat details Address where cat is norma (if different from above)	ally kept
	Number of cats to be locate	ed at these premises
	Cat details	
	Cat's name	
	Age (dd/mm/yy)/	
	Breed (if known)	
	Colour	
	Gender	
	Microchip number	
	Is the cat sterilised?	Yes/No (delete one)
	If No : Is the exemption	granted by a veterinarian? Yes/No (delete one)
	Please give details of the veterinarian	e exemption including details of issuing

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	Is the custodian a member of a prescribed exempt organisation Please give details of the prescribed exe		Yes/No (delete one) npt organisation
	Approved breeder?	Yes/No (delete one)	
	Any distinguishing features or marks?		
Part C –	- Notification of new owner	<u></u>	
	New cat owner's name		
	New owner's address		
	New owner's contact number	ers	
	(home, work, mobile)	(H)	
		(W)	
		(M)	
Part D –	- Registration		
Ap	plication or renewal for —		
	a period of 1 year (✓): □		
	a period of 3 years (✓): □		
Ap	plication for lifetime registra	tion (✓): □	
Pre	scribed fee for —		
	a period of 1 year (✓): □		

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	a period of 3 years (✓): □
Pre	escribed lifetime fee (✓): □
	Previous local government where cat was registered (if known)
	Registration number (to be issued by local government)
art E –	- Application for approved breeder
Ap	plication to be an approved breeder (✓): □
	Breed of cats to be bred
	Number of breeding cats to be kept at the property
	Description of facilities
	Membership of prescribed organisation
art F –	- Previous convictions
	Do you have any convictions for offences against this Act, <i>Dog Act 1976</i> or <i>Animal Welfare Act 2002</i> in past 3 years? Yes/No (delete one)
	If yes, please give details, specifying the date of the conviction(s), nature of the offence and the legislation involved

Part G — Declaration The local government may refuse an application if any or all of the required information is not provided within the time period specified in the legislation. (person's full name or organisation/company name) (postcode) declare that the information I have provided is true and correct. I am aware that it is an offence to provide false and misleading information. Signature [A signature is not required to effect the form when the form is lodged through a local government internet site.] [Local government details and logo here] Payment options: [Each local government is to detail their payment options here]

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rt H — Local government use only	
Registration approved (✓): □	
Assigned registration number	
Approved breeder (✓): □	
 Conditions of approval 	
	

Form 2 — Certificate of registration

Cat Act 2011 s. 11(1)

[r. 14]

Name of cat	
Description of cat	(gender, age, sterilisation status, breed (if known), colour.)
Has been registered	
Name	(person's full name or organisation/company name)
Street Address	
Suburb/Town	Postcode
By (insert name of local	government)
Registration number	er of cat
This registration ex	epires on / /

Form 3 — Cat control notice

Cat Act 2011 s. 26(2)

[r. 20]

THIS IS A NOTICE to advise and inform and is NOT an infringement notice. At this stage there are no associated penalties or fines. Any further, similar incidents may result in an infringement notice and other enforcement measures with associated penalties and fines.

To —			
Name	(person's full name or o	organisation/company name)	
Street Address			
Suburb/Town		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	_ Postcode
Date and time of	of incident/_	/	a.m./p.m.
Cat Act 2011 s. (state relevant provis	ion)	(description of offence)	
Cat Regulations (state relevant provis	s 2012 r	(description of offence)	
Local law provis	ision	(description of offence)	
Location of cat/	/sighting of cat/pro	emises where cat confine	ed —
Street Address			
Suburb/Town			_ Postcode
Description of of (distinguishing featur	cat — res, collar, tag, breed, ge	ender)	

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A(CTION TO BE TAKEN
ime to complete the action	(if more time is needed contact the local government)
ocal government details	(if more time is needed contact the local government)
Authorised person	(name)
	(signature)

Form 4 — Certificate of approved cat breeder

Cat Act 2011 s. 39(1)

[r. 25]

	[1. 2.
This is to certify that —	
Name	
T (WILL)	(person's full name or organisation/company name)
Street Address	
Suburb/Town	Postcode
Who is a member of	
W 110 10 W 1114 1110 V 1	(insert name of any prescribed organisation(s))
has been granted an appr	oval to breed cats at the following location —
Street Address	
Suburb/Town	Postcode
By (insert name of local governm	nent)
This certificate is given s	subject to the following conditions
C	doject to the following conditions
(insert conditions, if any)	
This certificate is valid u	ntil / /
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Form 5 — Warrant to enter, search and seize

Cat Act 2011 s. 58

[r. 26]

	/ARRANT authorising an authorised person un enter and search —	der the Cat
Place		
Date	(this can include a period of time)	
Time	(specific hours or at any time)	
and to seize -	_	
□ any cats		
☐ any of th	e following types of cat —	
☐ any cats	in the following circumstances —	
any item the Cat A	s that may afford evidence of the commission of the 2011.	f an offence under
THIS WARF	RANT CEASES to have effect —	
Date		
Time		
I,	Justice of the Peace	e of
		am satisfied,
by an applica	ation supported by evidence on oath, that —	
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	there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that there is, at the place something that may afford evidence of the commission of an offence under the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> ;
	OR
	entry onto the place is reasonably required to investigate a suspected offence against the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> ;
	OR
	there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> is likely to be committed in respect of the cat if it is not seized.
Div set ass	thorise, an authorised person under Part 4 vision 3 of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> , to exercise the entry, search and seizure powers out in that Act in relation to the premises set out in this warrant, with such istance, and using such force, as is reasonably necessary during the time erred to in this warrant.
Sig	ned
Dat	ted

Form 6 — Infringement notice

[r. 27]

Cat Act 2011				Infringement	
Infringement notice				notice no.	
Alleged	Name	Famil	y name		
offender	Given names				
	or	Comp	any name		
					ACN
	Address				
					Postcode
Alleged offence	Description of offence				
	Cat Act 2011 s.				
	or				
	Cat Regulations 2012 r.				
	or				
	Local Law provision				
	Date	/	/20	Time	a.m./p.m.
	Modified penalty \$				
Officer Name					
issuing notice	Signature				
	Office				
Date	Date of	notice	/	/20	

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Notice to alleged offender

It is alleged that you have committed the above offence.

If you do not want to be prosecuted in court for the offence, pay the modified penalty within 28 days after the date of this notice.

How to pay

By post Send a cheque or money order (payable to

'CEO [Relevant local government] —

Cat Act 2011') to —

CEO [Relevant local government and

address]

In person Pay the cashier at —

[Relevant local government and address]

If you do not pay the modified penalty within 28 days, you may be prosecuted or enforcement action may be taken under the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994. Under that Act, some or all of the following action may be taken — your driver's licence may be suspended; your vehicle licence may be suspended or cancelled; your details may be published on a website; your vehicle may be immobilised or have its number plates removed; and your property may be seized and sold.

If you need more time to pay the modified penalty, you can apply for an extension of time by writing to the Approved Officer at the above postal address.

If you want this matter to be dealt with by prosecution in court, sign here -

and post this notice to the CEO [Relevant local government] at the above postal address within 28 days after the date of this notice.

[Form 6 amended in Gazette 20 Aug 2013 p. 3850.]

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Form 7 — Withdrawal of infringement notice

				[r. 28]	
Cat Act 2011				Withdrawal no.	
Withdrawa	l of infrir	igement no	otice		
Alleged	Name	Family nam	ie		
offender		Given name	es		
	or	Company n	ame		
				ACN	
	Address				
				Postcode	
Infringement	Infringem	ent notice no.			
notice	Date of is	sue /	/20		
Alleged	Description	on of offence			
offence					
	Cat Act 2011 s. or				
	Cat Regul	ations 2012 r.			
or					
Local Law provision					
	Date /	/20	Time	a.m./p.m.	
CEO	Name				
withdrawing notice	Signature				
	[Relevant	local governn	nent]		
Date	Date of w	ithdrawal	/	/20	
Withdrawal	hdrawal The above infringement notice issued against you has				

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of	been withdrawn.
infringement notice	If you have already paid the modified penalty for the alleged offence you are entitled to a refund.
[*delete	* Your refund is enclosed.
whichever is not applicable]	or
	* If you have paid the modified penalty but a refund is not enclosed, to claim your refund sign this notice and post it to —
	CEO [Relevant local government] — Cat Act 2011
	[Relevant local government and address]
	Signature / /20

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Form 8 — Objection

Cat Act 2011 s. 69

[r. 29]

		[1. 27]
To the CEO (R	elevant local government):	
I,		
object to the d	ecision of(date)	
The details of	that decision are	
The grounds o	f my objection are (details of ground	nds)
In support of r information (hi	ny objection I attach the follow	ving
Dated the	day of	20
(signature of person	n objecting)	
Contact phone	no.	-
Note	Section 69(2) of the Act requires 28 days after the right to object government may allow.	s an objection to be made within arose or such further time as the local

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Schedule 2 — Modified penalties

[r. 30]

Item	Section	Matter to which section relates	Penalty
1.	5(1)	Unregistered cat	\$200
2.	6(1)	Failure to ensure cat is wearing its registration tag in public	\$200
3.	7	Removing, or interfering with, a cat's registration tag	\$200
4.	14(1)	Failure to ensure cat is microchipped	\$200
5.	17	Removing, or interfering with, a cat's microchip	\$200
6.	18(1)	Failure to ensure cat is sterilised	\$200
7.	19	Identifying a cat as sterilised that is not	\$200
8.	23(1)	Transfer of a cat that is not microchipped (and is not exempt)	\$200
9.	23(2)	Transfer of a cat that is not sterilised (and is not exempt)	\$200
10.	24	Failure to notify local government or microchip database company of a new owner	\$200
11.	25	Failure to notify local government or microchip database company of a change of details	\$200
12.	35(1)	Breeding cats, not being an approved cat breeder	\$200
13.	41	Cats not to be offered as prizes	\$200
14.	50(2)	Refusal by alleged offender to give information on request	\$200

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This is a compilation of the Cat Regulations 2012 and includes the amendments made by the other written laws referred to in the following table ^{1a}.

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Cat Regulations 2012 r. 1, 2, 3-8, 11-18, 21-25 and 27-30	16 Nov 2012 p. 5537-69	r. 1 and 2: 16 Nov 2012 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 19, 20 & 26: 17 Nov 2012 (see r. 2(b)): r. 7: 8 Dec 2012 (see r. 2(c) and Gazette 7 Dec 2012 p. 5963-4)
Cat Amendment Regulations 2013	20 Aug 2013 p. 3850	r. 1 and 2: 20 Aug 2013 (see r. 2(a)); Regulations other than r. 1 and 2: 21 Aug 2013 (see r. 2(b) and <i>Gazette</i> 20 Aug 2013 p. 3815)

On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, provisions referred to in the following table had not come into operation and were therefore not included in this compilation. For the text of the provisions see the endnotes referred to in the

Provisions that have not come into operation

Citation	Gazettal	Commencement
Cat Regulations 2012 r. 9, 10, 19, 20 and 26 ²		1 Nov 2013 (see r. 2(d))
and 26 ²	p. 5537-69	

On the date as at which this compilation was prepared, the Cat Regulations 2012 r. 9, 10, 19, 20 and 26 had not come into operation. They read as follows:

9. Cats exempt from registration (s. 5(2)(c) and 9(2))

A cat that is in the custody of one of the following organisations is exempt from the registration requirements in section 5(1) of the Act and will be refused registration under section 9(2) of the Act -

- Cat Welfare Society Inc., trading as "Cat Haven"; (a)
- (b) Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc) of Western Australia;
- Australian Customs and Border Protection Service; (c)

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- (d) a cat management facility;
- (e) a veterinary clinic or veterinary hospital as defined in the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1960* section 2.

10. Cats exempt from wearing a tag (s. 6(2))

The owner of a cat that is being exhibited is exempt from the requirement to ensure the cat wears its registration tag in a public place in section 6(1) of the Act, but only while that cat is being exhibited.

19. Transfer of exempt cats (s. 23(3))

The provisions of section 23(1) and (2) of the Act do not apply if a cat is being transferred to an organisation or person set out in regulation 9.

20. Cat control notice (s. 26(2)(a))

A cat control notice under section 26 of the Act is to be in the form of Form 3.

26. Warrant (s. 58)

The form of a warrant is Form 5.

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Defined Term	Provision(s)
Form	3(1)
microchip implanter	7(1), (2)
registered training provider	3(1)