



Application for Temporary Exemption for Possession of Native Turtles in Excess of Possession Limits

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

South Carolina Code of Laws Section 50-15-70 requires those who exceed possession limits established under Section 50-15-70(B) to register the number and species of turtles in the person's possession with SCDNR within ninety days in order to receive a temporary exemption to the possession limits. Acquiring additional turtles listed in Section 50-15-70 is prohibited until such time as the number of turtles in the person's possession is below the established limits.

Return completed application to: **SCDNR Wildlife Permitting, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202**
or via email at herps@dnr.sc.gov or fax at 803-734-3691

For questions/information email herps@dnr.sc.gov or call 803-734-3887

Date: _____ County _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Please Check one:

New Permit Renewal

Institution Represented (if applicable): _____

Physical location where turtles will be held (if different from address above):

Native Species to be reported include:

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| (1) Florida cooter (<i>Pseudemys floridana</i>)* | (9) River cooter (<i>Pseudemys concinna</i>)* |
| (2) Chicken turtle (<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>)* | (10) Eastern painted turtle (<i>Chrysemys picta</i>)* |
| (3) Spiny softshell turtle (<i>Apalone spinifera</i>)* | (11) Florida softshell turtle (<i>Apalone ferox</i>)* |
| (4) Eastern mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>)* | (12) Striped mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>)* |
| (5) Common musk turtle (<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>)* | (13) Yellow-bellied slider (<i>Trachemys scripta</i>)* |
| (6) Common snapping turtle (<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>)* | (14) Eastern box turtle (<i>Terrapene carolina</i>)* |
| (7) Diamondback terrapin (<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>)* | (15) Spotted turtle (<i>Clemmys guttata</i>) |
| (8) Bog turtle (<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>) | (16) Gopher tortoise (<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>) |

It is unlawful for a person to sell, barter, trade, ship, or remove from this State, or attempt to sell, barter, trade, ship, or remove from this State any ***bolded** native species of turtles, including parts, products, eggs, offspring, and derivatives thereof. All other species may only be possessed with a Department issued permit.

South Carolina regulations Section 123-151.1 and 123-151.4 requires all captive spotted turtles and eastern box turtles, when captive groups exceed possession limits, be permanently marked via shell notching** with a Department-supplied identification number (**DNR will supply notching codes based on information in this application**).

Turtles will be notched as required by: Applicant Licensed Veterinarian SCDNR

If applicant will not be marking individuals, please list who will be responsible for permanently marking individuals below:

Name: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Institution Represented (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

By signing this application, the applicants affirms this information to be true and accurate. SCDNR may require verification of the turtles in your possession.

****SCDNR may require photo verification of shell notching prior to final application approval.**



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*Legal Possession Limits are listed below for each species, no more than 10 turtles in aggregate for species with limits

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| <p>(1) Florida cooter (<i>Pseudemys floridana</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(2) Chicken turtle (<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(3) Spiny softshell turtle (<i>Apalone spinifera</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(4) Eastern mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon subrubrum</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(5) Common musk turtle (<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(6) Common snapping turtle (<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(7) Diamondback terrapin (<i>Malaclemys terrapin</i>)
Possession limit=2</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(8) Bog turtle (<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>)
Possession limit=0</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(9) River cooter (<i>Pseudemys concinna</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(10) Eastern painted turtle (<i>Chrysemys picta</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(11) Florida softshell turtle (<i>Apalone ferox</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(12) Striped mud turtle (<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(13) Yellow-bellied slider (<i>Trachemys scripta</i>)
Possession limit=5</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(14) Eastern box turtle (<i>Terrapene carolina</i>)
Possession limit=2</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(15) Spotted turtle (<i>Clemmys guttata</i>)
Possession limit=0</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |
| <p>(16) Gopher tortoise (<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>)
Possession limit=0</p> | Males | _____ | Females | _____ | Hatchlings/Juveniles | _____ | Total | _____ |

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By signing, applicant affirms that the information contained on this application and inventory sheet to be true and accurate and understands that to finalize this application, SCDNR may require verification of the turtles in your possession. Upon completion and approval, SCDNR will contact applicant to issue individual notching codes based on information provided in this application. Applicant understands that SCDNR may require photo verification of shell notching prior to final application approval.