

14.2 Appendix 2: Formal apprenticeship and grading system recognized by CapeNature.

1. D-grade Falconer and Junior D-grade Falconer

- a) All D-grade falconers must undergo a formal apprenticeship under an A-grade or B-grade falconer.
- b) All D-grade falconers must, prior to being issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities:
 - if he/she is under 18 years old, obtain written undertaking from a parent or legal guardian agreeing to take full legal responsibility for the activities of the D-grade falconer until the D-grade falconer reaches the age of 18 years old;
 - obtain a written sponsorship confirmation from an A-grade or B-grade falconer; and
 - prepare their equipment, mews and/or weathering facilities to meet CapeNature's and the applicable Western Cape falconry club's minimum requirements during an inspection for the keeping in captivity and transporting of raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities.
- c) Once issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities and upon endorsement from his/her mentor and approval from the Western Cape falconry club, the club may allow the D-grade falconer to handle/use/hunt with a club-permitted raptor.
- d) The sponsor is responsible for continued supervision and compliance monitoring pertaining to the facilities, equipment, husbandry, and hunting of the raptor and must provide status/progress reports in the prescribed format (see Appendix 10) on the D-grade falconer's performance to the relevant Western Cape falconry club at least every six months. CapeNature officials must be provided with copies of the report(s) upon request.
- e) D-grade falconers may not keep any raptors in captivity for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities.
- f) D-grade falconers may only handle/use/hunt with a club-permitted raptor under the supervision of their A-grade or B-grade falconer sponsor.

2. C-grade Falconer

- a) All C-grade falconers must have undergone a formal apprenticeship under a A-grade falconer.

- b) All C-grade falconers must, prior to being issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities prepare their equipment, mews and/or weathering facilities to meet CapeNature's and the applicable Western Cape falconry club's minimum requirements during an inspection for the keeping in captivity and transporting of raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities.
- c) Once issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities, a captivity permit and upon approval from the Western Cape falconry club, the club may issue the C-grade falconer with a permitted raptor(s).
- d) The club, through an appointed A-grade falconer, is responsible for continued supervision and compliance monitoring pertaining to the facilities, equipment, husbandry and hunting of the raptor(s) and must provide status/progress reports in the prescribed format (see Appendix 10) – one report per raptor in the C-grade falconer's possession and one report on the C-grade falconer's performance to the relevant Western Cape falconry club at least every six months. CapeNature officials must be provided with copies of the report(s) upon request.
- e) C-grade falconers may not keep more than a total of one raptor of any one of the permissible species appropriate to their grading in captivity for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities.

3. B-grade Falconer

- a) All B-grade falconers must have undergone a formal apprenticeship under an A-grade falconer and have actively sport hunted a raptor as a graded C-grade falconer for an appropriate length of time.
- b) All B-grade falconers must, prior to being issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities prepare their equipment, mews and/or weathering facilities to meet CapeNature's and the applicable Western Cape falconry club's minimum requirements during an inspection for the keeping in captivity and transporting of raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities.
- c) Once issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities, a captivity permit and upon approval from the Western Cape falconry club, the club may issue the B-grade falconer with a permitted raptor(s).
- d) The club, through an appointed A-grade falconer, is responsible for continued supervision and compliance monitoring pertaining to the facilities, equipment, husbandry and hunting of the raptor(s) and must provide status/progress reports in the prescribed format (see Appendix 10) – one report per raptor in the B-grade falconer's possession and one report

on the B-grade falconer's performance to the relevant Western Cape falconry club at least every six months. CapeNature officials must be provided with copies of the report(s) upon request.

- e) B-grade falconers may not keep more than a total of one raptor of any one of the permissible species appropriate to their grading in captivity for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities.

4. A-grade Falconer

- a) All A-grade falconers must have actively sport hunted his/her own raptor(s) at B-grade falconer level for an appropriate length of time.
- b) All A-grade falconers must, prior to being issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting, abatement, exhibition, or rehabilitation activities:
 - prepare their equipment, mews and/or weathering facilities to meet CapeNature's and the applicable Western Cape falconry club's minimum requirements during an inspection for the keeping in captivity and transporting of raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting, abatement, exhibition, or rehabilitation activities.
 - in the case of abatement activities conducted with raptors, have obtained written endorsement for this purpose from the Western Cape falconry club of which they are a member in good standing.
 - in the case of exhibition and/or rehabilitation activities, a CapeNature approved management plan that complies with all relevant CapeNature Standard Operating Procedures and Standard Operating Guidelines and obtained written endorsement for this purpose from the Western Cape falconry club of which they are a member in good standing.
- c) Once issued with a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities, a captivity permit and upon approval from the Western Cape falconry club, the A-grade falconer may acquire permitted raptors.
- d) The club, through an appointed A-grade falconer, is responsible for continued supervision and compliance monitoring pertaining to the facilities, equipment, husbandry and hunting of the raptor(s) and must provide status/progress reports in the prescribed format (see Appendix I0) – one report per raptor in the A-grade falconer's possession and one report on the A-grade falconer's performance to the relevant Western Cape falconry club at least every six months. CapeNature officials must be provided with copies of the report(s) upon request.

- e) A-grade falconers may, with endorsement from their relevant Western Cape falconry club where applicable, apply for a permit(s) to translocate or utilise raptors for falconry purposes in sport hunting, abatement, exhibition or rehabilitation activities for species of raptors appropriate to their grading, including hybrid raptor and alien/exotic raptor species.
- f) A-grade falconers may not keep more than a total of two raptors of any one of the permissible species appropriate to their grading in captivity for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities; special motivation is required for the keeping of more than two raptors for sport hunting activities.
- g) CapeNature may consider an application from a Western Cape falconry club for a member that is an A-grade falconer to possess an eagle for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities after documenting the following:
 - the A-grade falconer's experience in handling large raptors, including information about the species he/she has handled and the type and duration of the activity in which he/she has gained the experience;
 - written endorsement to possess an eagle for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities from the Western Cape falconry club of which the A-grade falconer is a member in good standing;
 - at least two letters of reference from people with experience handling and/or flying large raptors such as eagles; each letter must contain a concise history of the author's experience with large raptors, which can include, but is not limited to, handling of raptors held by zoos, rehabilitating large raptors, or scientific studies involving large raptors; each letter must also assess the A-grade falconer's ability to care for eagles and fly them in sport hunting activities;
 - that the A-grade falconer has the equipment, mews and/or weathering facilities to meet CapeNature's and the applicable Western Cape falconry club's minimum requirements during an inspection for the keeping in captivity and transporting of eagles for falconry purposes in sport hunting activities;
 - motivation regarding the proposed game (suitable naturally occurring wild animal species) that will be hunted.

14.3 Appendix 3: Requirements for the permanent marking of raptors that are translocated or utilised in sport hunting, abatement, or exhibition activities.

1. All raptors that are translocated or utilised in sport hunting, abatement or exhibition activities must be permanently marked by the implantation of an ISO 11784/11785 compliant 134.2 kHz ICAR-certified 15-digit microchip by a registered veterinarian at the permit holder's cost. Written confirmation of such from the registered veterinarian that implanted the microchip must be retained and provided to CapeNature during the next permit renewal application process and be available for inspection upon request.
2. In addition, the raptor may be banded with, in the case of captive-bred raptors, a seamless, numbered leg band of the appropriate diameter at the permit holder's cost. A wild raptor/wild-caught raptor may not be banded with a seamless leg band.
3. Upon applying for any permits to acquire or dispose of any raptor (including permits to buy, sell, donate, receive as donation, import, export, transport, keep in captivity) the relevant permit applicant must report the 15-digit microchip number (see point 1 above for specifications) on the application form and the written confirmation from the registered veterinarian must be provided as supporting document to the permit application.
4. Raptors that are admitted/transferred to permitted raptor rehabilitation facilities in the WCP and that is subsequently transferred to a Western Cape falconry club for utilisation in sport hunting activities must be permanently marked by the implantation of a 15-digit microchip (see point 1 above for specifications) prior to such transfer unless the raptor is an eyas/nestling (with CapeNature's written approval) in which case the raptor must be implanted with a 15-digit microchip (see point 1 above for specifications) within 60 days of such transfer. Written confirmation of such from the registered veterinarian that implanted the microchip must be retained and provided to CapeNature during the next permit renewal application process and be available for inspection upon request.
5. Raptors that are admitted/transferred to permitted raptor rehabilitation facilities in the Western Cape and that cannot be successfully released back to the wild for whatever reason that is subsequently transferred to a permitted raptor exhibition facility (with CapeNature's written approval) must be permanently marked by the implantation of a 15-digit microchip (see point 1 above for specifications) prior to such transfer unless the raptor is an eyas/nestling in which case the raptor must be implanted with a 15-digit microchip (see point 1 above for specifications) within 60 days of such transfer. Written confirmation of such from