

# Keeping poultry, pigeons and caged birds



The table below advises the specifications for keeping poultry.

Animal/activity	Allowed without approval	Requires approval	In what circumstances
Poultry, duck or goose (not rooster)	Up to 6	More than 6	On an allotment with an area of more than 700m <sup>2</sup> but less than 2000m <sup>2</sup>
Rooster	2	More than 2	On an allotment with an area of 4000m <sup>2</sup> or more

## Minimum standards for keeping poultry including duck, drake, goose, turkey, peacock, peahen, ostrich and emus:

- the bird is kept without nuisance
- the bird is contained within an enclosed cage or aviary
- bird food is kept in a properly sealed, vermin proof container
- the cage or aviary in which the bird is kept is thoroughly cleaned at least once a week
- if a code of practice is applied for the keeping of the bird, the bird is kept in accordance with the code
- the cage or aviary in which the bird is kept is not located within 10 metres of a residence on adjoining premises or a place where food is kept, processed or stored or six metres from any road or one metre from the boundary of the premises.
- the enclosure is located at the rear of, and behind, any residence situated on the premises

# Pigeons and caged birds

This table advises the specifications for keeping pigeons and caged birds in town areas:

Animal/activity	Allowed without approval	Requires approval	In what circumstances
Cockatoo, galah or other bird of a similar size	Up to 4	Over 4	On an allotment with an area less than 4000m <sup>2</sup>
Budgerigar, canary, cockatiel or other bird of a similar size	Up to 10	Over 10	On an allotment with an area less than 4000m <sup>2</sup>
Racing pigeon	Up to 10	Over 10	On an allotment with an area less than 4000m <sup>2</sup>

**The minimum standards for keeping budgerigars, canaries, cockatoos, galahs, pigeons and other birds of a similar size are:**

- the bird is kept without nuisance
- the bird is contained within an enclosed cage or aviary
- bird food is kept in a properly sealed, vermin proof container
- the cage or aviary in which the bird is kept is thoroughly cleaned at least once a week
- if a code of practice is applied for the keeping of the bird, the bird is kept in accordance with the code
- the cage or aviary in which the bird is kept is not located within 10 metres of a residence on adjoining premises or a place where food is kept, processed or stored
- six metres from any road or one

metre from the boundary of the premises on which the bird is kept

- air tight sealed packages
- the enclosure is not located within one metre from the side or rear boundaries of the premises

**You must also ensure:**

- waste water from enclosures is drained appropriately
- run-off is kept off adjoining premises
- excreta, food scraps and other material that is likely to become offensive is collected daily and immediately removed from the premises (if not removed immediately, must be kept in a waste container approved by an authorised person)
- any enclosure in which the animal is kept is properly maintained in a clean and

sanitary condition

- take all reasonable steps to prevent the animal from making a noise or disturbance to occupiers of adjoining premises
- the area available to the animal is appropriately sized so that the animal is comfortable.

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