

Tips for Updating apiary details

In preparation for your ADR, you must ensure all your apiary details are up to date.

The first step is to verify that all your apiaries are registered. If you find any that are not, then you need to register them before completing your ADR.

If you are completing your ADR on paper, you can add the new apiaries as extra pages at the back of your ADRs so that they will become registered when your paper ADR is received & processed.

Below are the details that must be updated:

- 1. Confirming that that apiary is still required to be registered
- If your registered apiary is a permanent apiary, this apiary must be deregistered immediately after vacating the apiary of any dead or live hives.
- If your apiary is seasonal, this apiary must be deregistered if it has not been used for 30 consecutive days since the 1st of July 2024.

You can also change the type of apiary from permanent to seasonal and vice versa.

When registering a seasonal apiary, you will need to declare what months of the year the apiary is being used.

2. Registering an apiary doesn't give you exclusive access to that location. It only shows that you comply with the AFB NPMP.

We are aware some beekeepers feel that keeping registered apiaries gives them exclusive access to that particular property or location. This is incorrect. The apiary registration is a biosecurity requirement under the AFB NPMP and does not give beekeepers exclusive access to the site.

If two or more beekeepers share an apiary, each of these beekeepers are required to register the same location (apiary) under their own registration numbers, to comply with the AFB NPMP.

If your apiaries will remain registered, there are a few required details that may require to be updated.

For example:

Number of bee colonies: How many colonies you have in each apiary.

Physical address: Check if this is still current.

Landowner/occupier name and their phone number: This may have changed since the last ADR and we require updated details.

Location of hives: The instructions on how to access the apiary may have changed since the last ADR or it may be incorrectly recorded, or you may not currently have this required information on HiveHub.

Latitude and Longitude: When you have noticed that the GPS coordinates are currently recorded in the wrong location by error.

Please remember that an apiary cannot move. Therefore, if you move the location of your hives further than a 100m of the previous apiary, this new location must be registered as a different apiary (location).

There are other apiary details that while not required by the AFB NPMP should be updated, as they facilitate the inspection of the apiaries. These include:

Hazards at the apiary: This makes accessing the land easier and allows our Authorised Persons to be aware of any hazards or Health & Safety concerns.