

## 2.4 Equivalent Qualifications for Authorisation

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### Introduction

- 2.4.1 A person with considerable native fauna rescue and/or rehabilitation experience gained as a privately licensed person, or as a former member of another rehabilitation organisation, or by virtue of their employment, may seek to join WIRES and be authorised as a Rescuer and/or Rehabilitator.
- 2.4.2 This policy establishes the criteria under which such a person may be authorised by WIRES to rescue and rehabilitate without the necessity of undertaking WIRES training courses.

### Policy

- 2.4.3 A person may be authorised as a Rescuer and/or Rehabilitator and thus become an Authorised Member without completing the required training courses if they have equivalent qualifications.
- 2.4.4 Equivalent qualifications mean having had a valid authority (within 2 years) from another non-government organisation or the official fauna authority of any state or territory in Australia and qualifications acceptable to WIRES.
- 2.4.5 Equivalent qualifications may be specific to families of animals.
- 2.4.6 Such a person shall be assessed by their proposed Branch; complete the required Authorisation Form and pay the appropriate annual fee and upon admission attend the soonest available WIRES Rescue and Immediate Care Course learn WIRES policies and about the organisation; and attend the next available WIRES specialist advanced rehabilitation training course where appropriate animal care training that the member wishes to rehabilitate is offered. .