

2.2 Authorisation of WIRES Rescuers

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Introduction

- 2.2.1 The General Licence issued to WIRES by the National parks and Wildlife Service provides that the Association may issue an Authority to operate under the terms of the licence only to a person who has appropriate previous experience, or has undertaken appropriate training in the rescue and/or care of sick, injured and orphaned native animals. The Licence also provides that authorities be issued on an annual basis and that every such Authority must expire on 30th June of each year.

Procedure

- 2.2.2 The applicant must have read and agreed to abide WIRES and the conditions listed on the application form and have undertaken any training program specified by WIRES Inc to which the applicant is a member.
- 2.2.3 An existing WIRES Rescuer must renew his/hers Authority annually when it expires on 30 June and no later than 28 days after that date..
- 2.2.4 Processing of annual authorisation renewals will be carried out by the Administration Office no later than during month of July to ensure that Rescuers do not carry out WIRES work without a current WIRES Authority.
- 2.2.5 Renewal applications and new applications for authorisation must be made on the Administration Office approved form. The completed form must include the Rescuer's details and be signed by the applicant..
- 2.2.6 Applications for authorisation of existing and new Rescuers will only be recommended for approval (or otherwise) by the Branch to which the Volunteer Rescuer belongs.
- 2.2.7 Completed application forms will be sent with the required fee by the member to the Administration Office for processing.
- 2.2.8 The Administration Office will issue a current Authority to approved Rescuers, which will state the Rescuer's ID number, name and address. If any of these details change, the Authority should be replaced as soon as possible. If the ID card originally issued to a new Volunteer Rescuer is lost; it should be replaced as soon as possible.
- 2.2.9 The current Authority and ID card should be carried at all times whilst doing WIRES authorised rescuers.
- 2.2.10 Any breach of the conditions of the Authority, of WIRES Constitution, Code of Conduct its policies or failure to comply with instructions given by the Branch Coordinators may result in the suspension of authorisation or

expulsion from WIRES.

- 2.2.11 The list of authorised Rescuers will be supplied to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service annually or as required.