

2.8 Renewal of Lapsed Rehabilitator and Rescue Authorities

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Introduction

- 2.8.1 This policy sets guidelines for the reissue of a Rehabilitators Authority to a person who was formerly authorised by WIRES, but has not been actively involved in rehabilitation for a period of more than 2 years, but not exceeding 2 years 1 month (25 months); 25 months to 4 years and those exceeding 4 years.

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- 2.8.2 A person who was formerly authorised as a rehabilitator by WIRES, but who has not been actively involved in rehabilitating for a period of more than 2 years, but less than 2 years 1 month (25 months) will not be entitled to the reissue of a Rehabilitator's Authority until that person has attended a Rescue and Immediate Care Course.
- 2.8.3 After attending an Rescue and Immediate Care Course and being reissued a WIRES Rehabilitation Authority, a person who was formerly accredited to rehabilitate a specialist group of animals (eg macropods, possums, raptors) should then attend the next available specialist training course. On completion, the rehabilitator will then be accredited to rehabilitate such animals. Special regard should be given to snake foster carers; flying fox and insectivorous bats carers, flying fox and insectivorous bat carers should ensure that titres for lyssavirus are sufficient before resuming care of these animals. The cost of full specialist training courses shall be as determined at the time of the course being advertised.
- 2.8.4 The training course fee for a person referred to in 2.7.2 and 2.7.3 shall be that as determined at the time of the course being advertised.
- 2.8.5 Formerly authorised rehabilitators that have not been actively involved in rehabilitation exceeding the 25 month period but less than 4 years must attend a complete Rescue and Immediate Care Course at a cost set by the organizers of the course but must include the costs of relevant manual, Authorisation Fee and any applicable branch fees.
- 2.8.6 After attending a Rescue and Immediate Care Course a person accredited to rehabilitate a specialist group of animals (eg macropods, possums, raptors) should then attend the next available specialist advanced training course, on completion, the rehabilitator will then be accredited to rehabilitate such animals. The cost of the specialist training courses shall be as determined at the time of the course being advertised.
- 2.8.7 Those persons formerly authorised as rehabilitators exceeding 4 years must attend a Rescue and Immediate Care Course, shall be as

determined at the time of the course being advertised but must include cost of relevant manuals, Authorisation Fee and any applicable branch fees, and complete all specialist advanced training course, the member may wish to rehabilitate. The cost of the specialist training courses shall be as determined at the time of the course being advertised.

Renewal of Lapsed Rescuer Authorities

Introduction

- 2.8.8 This policy sets guidelines for the reissue of a Rescuer Authority to a person who was formerly authorised by WIRES, but has not been actively involved in rescuing for a period of 2 years or more.

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- 2.8.9 A person who was formerly authorised as a rescuer by WIRES, but who has not been actively involved in rescuing for a period of 2 years or more will not be entitled to the reissue of a Rescuer Authority until that person has attended a complete Rescue and Immediate Care Course.
- 2.8.10 After attending a Rescue and Immediate Care Course and being reissued with a WIRES Rescuer Authority a person is the able to rescue sick, injured and orphaned animals.
- 2.8.11 The training course fee for a person referred to above are set at the discretion of the organizers but must include the costs of relevant manual, Authorisation Fee and any applicable branch fees.