Section 200 — Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020

Rehabilitation permit (rehabilitate and release a protected animal)

Important information for applicants

Applications can be made using the Department of Environment and Science (the department) digital platform for online services. Visit <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/environment/online-services> for more information.

This form is to be used to apply for a rehabilitation permit to rehabilitate sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals so that these animals can be returned to the wild.

Requested information will enable your application to be processed as prescribed by *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (the Act)and the Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020. Your application must be assessed, and a permit granted by the chief executive before you can proceed with the proposed activity. **Your application may take up to 40 business days to process.**

The permit holder is required to release the animal/s held under this permit into a prescribed natural habitat in the wild as soon as the animal is rehabilitated/fit/old enough and able to live in that habitat.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate their skills, knowledge, and ability before being issued with a permit. The chief executive can refuse to grant a rehabilitation permit (rehabilitate and release a protected animal) if the applicant does not satisfy the chief executive that they can carry out the activities under this authority.

Before completing your application, please read the information materials available on the departments website at <https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/licences-permits/plants-animals/rehabilitation/rescue-and-rehabilitation>.

You should also be familiar with the requirements of the Act and regulations available on the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel website <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au>. If you have queries about how to complete this form or need guidance, contact Permits and Licensing on **1300 130 372 option 4**.

# Terms and Conditions

**Permits, licences and authorities**

Queensland's native wildlife is protected by legislation that aims to conserve biodiversity by protecting native plants and animals and their habitat. All native birds, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians are protected, along with some invertebrates, freshwater fish, the estuary stingray, and the grey nurse shark.

Other aquatic species are protected by the [Department of Agriculture and Fisheries](https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/), the [Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/) and the Australian Government.

A licensing system helps us protect native wildlife species. By regulating the sustainable taking, keeping, using, or moving of native animals we contribute to the maintenance of viable wild populations of plants and animals.

The type of approval(s) you will need depends upon a number of things, including:

* The nature and purpose of your proposed activity;
* The tenure of the area in which you intend to undertake your activity; and
* The species of wildlife concerned.

To apply for permits:

* within the protected area estate (including nature refuges and special wildlife reserves) as defined in the Act (e.g. national park, national park [Aboriginal land], national park [Torres Strait Island land] etc); or
* within a marine park under the *Marine Parks Act 2004*; or
* within State forest estate under the *Forestry Act 1959* (e.g. state forests and timber reserves).

Please contact Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships (QPWS&P) at [parkaccess@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:parkaccess@des.qld.gov.au)

Note: Corporations must have an office in Queensland to be eligible to apply for an authority. The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and the subordinate Nature Conservation Regulations may be found online on the Office of Queensland Parliamentary Counsel website at <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/>.

**Privacy statement for wildlife permits**

Information you provide, assists the department in administering animals and plant licences, permits and authorities granted under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Some information may be provided to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries; Queensland Health; Queensland Police Service and the Australian Defence Force in order to investigate biosecurity or health issues or allegations of unlawful activity.

Some information, where relevant, may also be sent to non-government organisations such as the RSPCA Qld and the Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council for the purpose of improving standards of native animal care.

Personal information in relation to your permit will not be disclosed to any other parties without your consent, unless authorised or required by law.

More information on our commitment to privacy is available on the department’s [website](http://www.des.qld.gov.au/). For specific privacy information or enquiries please email [privacy@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:privacy@des.qld.gov.au).

**Completion of this form**

To enable your application to be processed you must answer all sections and acknowledge you have read the ‘terms and conditions’ by checking the box in section 1.

If you do not complete all sections, sign, and date the application form, your application will be returned to you as invalid.

# You may only lodge this application if you have accepted the above terms and conditions

# I accept the above terms and conditions as shown above.

# Applicant information

A wildlife authority may only be granted to an individual or corporation. A corporation must have an office in Queensland to be eligible to apply for an authority. Please tick the appropriate box:

**An individual** → **Complete** Section 3 **applicant details in full — then go to section 5**

**An organisation** → **Complete** Section 4 **applicant details — then go to section 5**

# Applicant details for an individual

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| TITLE | \*first name | Middle name | \*Surname | \* DATE OF BIRTH |
| Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Other |  |  |  |  |

# Applicant details for an organisation

Organisation type –

Company  Australian registered (foreign) body  Incorporated association

Co-operation  Government  Not for profit organisation

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| \*australian business number | \* business name | |
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| Chief executive officer | | Australian company number / association number |
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# Applicant registered / residential address

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| \* RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (not a post office box) | \* Suburb | \* State | \* POST CODE |
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(WRITE ‘AS ABOVE’’ IF SAME AS registered/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS)

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# Applicant contact details – email and phone contact are mandatory.

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| EMAIL address |  | | |
| Phone type  Home phone  Office phone  Mobile phone | | Area code | Phone number (NOTE: 10 digits including area code) |

# Permit activity

Rehabilitate and release a protected animal - This application type provides a mechanism for the rehabilitation of sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals so that these animals can be returned to the wild.

###### **Least concern species – other than specialist species.**

###### This application covers least concern species only.

###### This permit does not allow highly specialised animals to be kept. For example koalas, echidna, platypus, raptors, and reptiles or any critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or near threatened species.

###### **Specialist species**

###### Native animals that need highly specialised care as mentioned in the Code of practice – care of sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals in Queensland, or are listed under the legislation as critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or near threatened species. **please complete section 11.**

###### Note: This permit also authorises the care and rehabilitation of least concern species listed in the Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020.

###### **Refer to section 12 to select the species requested for approval on this application. NOTE other specialist species not selected will be excluded from this permit.**

# Code of practice

I can comply with the Code of practice - care of sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals in Queensland.

# Location of the activity

**For an individual applicant, provide a physical address and Lot on Plan number where the animals will be located.**

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| \* Physical street address (WRITE “AS ABOVE” IF SAME AS RESIDENTIAL /REGISTERED ADDRESS) | \* Suburb | \* State | \* POST CODE |
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**AND**

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| \* Lot number | \* Plan number |
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**Individual applicants – continue to section 11.**

**For a group permit that has members throughout Queensland, please select Local Government Area or 'itinerant' for whole of Queensland as the location of the activity.**

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| Local government area |
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**OR**

# **Itinerant (State of Queensland)**

# Group permit - Wildlife rehabilitation organisation membership list.

In accordance with the Code of practice — care of sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals in Queensland,when applying for a group permit, membership lists must be updated and forwarded **annually** to Permits and Licensing at [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au)

A current membership list **must** accompany this application form.

Yes – I have attached a current membership list to this application.

No – STOP – do not proceed until a current membership list can be provided with this application.

# Wildlife details – other than specialist species listed in section 12.

List critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or near threatened species you intend to care for which are not included under section 12.

Evidence of appropriate experience and facilities to house and care for these species must be provided as per section 14 of this application. If you require more space, attach a separate sheet for wildlife details.

Note: A rehabilitation permit for specialist species also authorises the care and rehabilitation of least concern species listed in the Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020.

Note: Quantity refers to the maximum number of protected animals which you could care for at any one time, while complying with the Code of practice – care of sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals in Queensland.

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# Wildlife details – specialist species only.

The species listed below may have requirements outside the normal capacity of most rehabilitators. Additional requirements are placed upon rehabilitators who intend to keep these species to improve the likelihood of their successful rehabilitation and return to the wild.

Evidence of appropriate experience and facilities to house and care for these specialist species must be provided as per section 14 of this application.

Permits may only be granted to persons assessed as having the appropriate skills and facilities to house and care for the following wildlife.

Note: Quantity refers to the maximum number of protected animals which you could care for at any one time, while complying with the Code of practice – care of sick, injured, or orphaned protected animals in Queensland

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|  | **specialist species** | **QUANTITY** |
|  | Cassowary (*Casuarius casuarius*) |  |
|  | Emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*) |  |
|  | Wildlife of the Orders Falconiformes (hawks, eagles, kites, and falcons) and Strigiformes (owls) |  |
|  | Wildlife of the Orders Procellariiformes (diving-petrels, albatrosses, fulmars, petrels and allies, storm-petrels); Sphenisciformes (penguins); Pelecaniformes (tropicbirds, frigatebirds, cormorants and shags, darters, gannets and boobies, pelicans) |  |
|  | Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) |  |
|  | Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) |  |
|  | Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus anatinus*) |  |
|  | Wildlife of the Order Cetacea (whales and dolphins) |  |
|  | Wildlife of the Order Chiroptera (bats) |  |
|  | Dugong (*Dugong dugon)* |  |
|  | Wildlife of the Family Cheloniidae (sea turtles) |  |
|  | Wildlife of the Family Elapidae (venomous snakes including sea snakes) |  |

Note: Crocodiles are not permitted to be held under this authority.

# Do you have any experience in wildlife care/rehabilitation activities?

A rehabilitation permit (rehabilitate and release a protected animal) can only be issued if the applicant is an appropriate person to hold the permit. That is, if the applicant has the ability to carry out activities under the permit in a competent and ethical way. If you do not have any experience, it is recommended that you contact your local wildlife care group or experienced rehabilitator for guidance about possible endorsement under their permit.

Yes – provide experience details in section 14.

No – STOP - do not proceed. Please contact a local wildlife care group or an experienced carer for practical experience and assistance.

# Please provide experience details

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| What recognised training courses have you attended and when? |
| What species have you cared for in the past? |
| Length of experience? |
| What facilities and cages do you have available for wildlife rehabilitation? Specify dimensions. |
| How do you intend to keep UP TO DATE with the latest developments in animal husbandry and rehabilitation TECHNIQUES? |
| What support networks do you have? |
| What conservation benefits will be achieved by issuing the permit? |

1. **To obtain a permit please provide the following documents with your application**

**Mandatory documents:**

First aid certificate – delivered by a recognised provider. Certificate must be current at date of application.

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| Certificate number | Provider | Expiry date | Certificate attached |
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Photos of all cages and facilities being used (e.g. intensive care, intermediate care, pre-release care).

Provide evidence of handling and identification skills.

Letter of recommendation from:

a recognised wildlife carer with five (5) years’ experience or a registered wildlife care group licensed for more than five (5) years, or

an experienced wildlife veterinarian, or

a support letter from the Queensland Wildlife Rehabilitation Council.

A statement outlining your understanding of the dietary and habitat requirements of the animal species that will be kept in care.

**Other supporting documents (not mandatory):**

Documentation of relevant experience e.g. work experience, volunteer work or paid employment at a zoo or wildlife park or the holder of an authorised rehabilitation permit; or

Certificates from suitable and relevant wildlife care courses achieved.

# Referee reports

Provide details and attach written referee reports from two (2) independent people of professional standing to attest to your competency.

Referees must be of professional standing in relevant wildlife management fields. That is, wildlife care and rehabilitation, veterinary, zoological or university fields. Referees must also outline their own experience and/or competency, which they believe enables them to attest to your abilities. Referees should be able to attest to your knowledge, skills and experience as outlined in the responses supplied within this application form.

A recognised wildlife carer is a person with a minimum of five (5) years’ experience or a registered wildlife care group licensed for more than five (5) years, both with ongoing demonstrated wildlife rehabilitation experience.

Note: An employee of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service & Partnerships (QPWS&P) or the department cannot be used as a referee.

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| **Name of first referee** | **Contact details of first referee** | **Referee report attached** |
|  |  | Yes |
| **Name of second referee** | **Contact details of second referee** | **Referee report attached** |
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# Wildlife suitability

During the past three (3) years, have you (or an associate) been convicted of: (i) an offence against the Act; or (ii) an animal welfare offence under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*;or (iii) an offence relating to wildlife against another Act, or an offence, however described, equivalent to an offence mentioned under (i) or (ii) under the law of another State or country?

Yes – an assessment officer will contact you regarding this response.

No

Note: An associate, of a person whose suitability to hold an animal authority is being considered, means –

1. If the person is a corporation – each executive officer of the corporation; or
2. If the person is an individual – another person who –
   1. is, or is intended to be, regularly or usually in charge of the individual’s activity or business, or proposed activity or business, that relates, or is intended to relate, to the authority; or
   2. regularly directs staff for the activity or business in their duties; or
   3. is, or is intended to be, in a position to control or substantially influence the activity or business, or proposed activity or business.

# Person in charge

Details of the person nominated to be in charge of the place(s) where the authorised activity is to be undertaken.

Same as applicant  Alternate person in charge

# Person in charge identity details

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| TITLE | \*first name | Middle name | \*Surname | \* DATE OF BIRTH |
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# Person in charge residential address

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| \* RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (not a post office box) | \* Suburb | \* State | \* POST CODE |
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# Person in charge contact details – email and phone contact is mandatory

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| EMAIL address |  | | |
| Phone type  Home phone  Office phone  Mobile phone | | Area code | Phone number: NOTE: 10 digits (INCLUDING area code) |

# Application contact details

An alternative contact nominated by the legal entity which either has or will submit to be assessed by the department. All departmental correspondence relating to the assessment of applications will be directed to the application contact, however, if the application results in the issuing of a relevant authority, the relevant authority will be sent to the customer contact or if nominated, the primary contact.

Same as applicant  Alternate contact person

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| \*name or position | \*PRIMARY PHONE. NOTE: 10 digits (INCLUDING area code) | email address | secondary phone |
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# Applicants signature

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| APPLICANT’S NAME | |  |
| APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE | | DATE |
| if the applicant is a corporation, please indicate your position in the corporation | | |
| Applicant checklist All applicable sections on application form completed, signed, and dated.  Supporting information attached | Please return your completed application to:  **Permits and Licensing**  **Department of Environment and Science**  GPO Box 2454  Brisbane  Queensland 4001  Enquiries: **1300 130 372 option 4**  Email: [palm@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:palm@des.qld.gov.au) | | |

The code of practice may be obtained from the department’s website <http://www.des.qld.gov.au> or by contacting the Permits and Licensing on 1300 130 372, option 4.