Section 200 — Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020

 Rehabilitation permit (spotter catcher)

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 (spotter catcher) to take an authorised animal from the wild if the animal’s habitat will be destroyed by human activity.

Information requested will enable your application to be processed as prescribed by the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (the Act)and regulations. 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 practicable or given to the holder of a rehabilitation permit (rehabilitate and release a protected animal) to rehabilitate sick, injured or orphaned protected animals until such time the animal is rehabilitated/fit/old enough and able to be returned to the wild.

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 (spotter catcher) 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 materialsavailable on the departments website at <https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/licences-permits/plants-animals/rehabilitation/rescue-and-rehabilitation> .

Before lodging this application, you should be familiar with the requirements of the Act and regulations available on the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel website at <http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au>. If you have queries about how to complete this form or need guidance, contact the 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 plants, 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

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 the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel website at <http://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 Departments 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 <https://www.des.qld.gov.au/legal/privacy.html>. For specific privacy information or enquiries please email 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 an invalid application.

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

# [ ]  I accept the above terms and conditions.

# Applicant information

A wildlife authority may only be granted to an individual or corporation (only if the corporation has an office within Queensland). 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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# Applicant 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)      |

# Permit activity

###### [ ]  Spotter catcher activity.

###### This application allows a spotter catcher to deal with an animal whose habitat has been destroyed by natural disaster or is about to be destroyed by human activity. The spotter catcher determines if the animal can be released into a more appropriate habitat, or if injured or orphaned given to a veterinarian or licensed wildlife carer.

# 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 - detail**the location where the activity will take place**

# [ ]  Itinerant (State of Qld)

**OR**

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

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| \* Lot number | \* Plan number |
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#  Do you have experience in wildlife spotter catcher activities?

A rehabilitation permit 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 a local spotter catcher for guidance about possible endorsement under their permit.

[ ]  Yes – provide experience details in section 11.

[ ]  No – STOP – do not proceed if you cannot provide the mandatory documents as listed below.

1. **To obtain a rehabilitation permit (spotter catcher) please provide the following documents with your application.**

Note: The following documents are required to be supplied to address the minimum requirements for this permit.

**Mandatory documents:**

[ ]  Resume, including details of qualifications.

[ ]  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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[ ]  Written statements outlining:

* Demonstrated ability to determine appropriate habitat through knowledge of fauna and flora associations and habitat requirements for various wildlife; and

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* Ability to handle a wide variety of wildlife, including macropods and reptiles. Include safety procedures you will apply when handling or moving wildlife; and

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* Well developed wildlife identification skills.

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**Other supporting documents (desirable)**

[ ]  Relevant experience in the fields of zoo-keeping, veterinary practices and/or wildlife rehabilitation; and

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[ ]  Access to appropriate equipment to undertake spotter catching activities.

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# 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 the relevant wildlife management field fauna surveys, environmental assessments, veterinary, zoological or university fields. Referees must outline their own experience and/or competency, which they believe enables them to attest to your abilities. Referees should also be able to attest to your knowledge, skills and experience as outlined in the responses supplied within this application form.

Note: An employee of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) 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** |
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| **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 registered / 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

[ ]  Same as applicant [ ]  Alternate person in charge

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.

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| \*person \*name or position | \*PRIMARY PHONE. NOTE: 10 digits (INCLUDING area code) | email address | secondary phone |
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# Applicant’s 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 (if applicable). | Please return your completed application to:**Permits and Licensing****Department of Environment and Science**GPO Box 2454BrisbaneQueensland 4001Enquiries: **1300 130 372 option 4**Email: palm@des.qld.gov.au |

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