

Bushfire awareness training for wildlife emergency response personnel

[Nominations are being sought](#) for suitable personnel from the wildlife rehabilitation and veterinary sectors to participate in **bushfire awareness training for wildlife emergency response personnel**.

Complete the [online nomination form here](#).

The nationally recognised training, 22541VIC – Course in Basic Wildfire Awareness, is being offered online through the TAFE NSW National Centre for Emergency Management Studies. The cost of the training is covered for personnel from the wildlife rehabilitation and veterinary sectors through the NSW government's bushfire relief for wildlife rehabilitators program.

Bushfire awareness training is the minimum requirement for non-firefighting personnel who provide support services at wildfires or at planned burns before consideration will be given to permit access to firegrounds. Nominees must confirm their willingness and ability to participate in wildlife emergency response in bushfires. Information about the skills and aptitude required to participate is provided with the [nomination form](#).

The **online course** takes approximately **six hours** to complete, including assessments. This is made up of five hours of self-paced online learning and a one hour session with a facilitator via MS Teams.

Round 1, commencing 18 February

The **first round** of training is being offered **online from 18 to 25 February 2021**.

Nominations received by Tue 9 Feb will be considered for the first round of training.

Successful nominees will receive a link to an online enrolment form, which must be completed by 11 February to ensure a place in the first course. Participants will be required to attend a one hour session with a facilitator via MS Teams on 25 February at a time to be confirmed.

Additional courses will be offered throughout February, March and April based on demand.

[Nominations](#) for future courses will be accepted up to 31 March.

This training is being offered as part of the NSW government's \$1 million bushfire relief for wildlife rehabilitators program. Funded through the NSW Environmental Trust, the program aims to support wildlife rehabilitators and the veterinary sector to recover from the 2019-20 bushfire season and prepare for future extreme events. The program runs until June 2021 across three streams: direct grants to wildlife rehabilitators; improving coordination and capability for wildlife response in bushfires, and; improving access to veterinary support for wildlife in emergencies.

Further information



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BASIC WILDFIRE AWARENESS

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This course provides learners with the information and knowledge about bush fire behaviour and how to work safely in areas around bush wildfires and planned hazard reduction burns. Learners will learn to identify risks associated with fires and initiate appropriate safety precautions and actions. Key firefighting strategies and techniques, terminology used on the fire-ground (emergency and planned) as well as the basic principles and functions of the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIIMS).

This course is the minimum requirement for non-firefighting personnel who provide support services (e.g. heavy plant operation, media, welfare and evacuation support) during wildfires and planned hazard reduction burns.

22541VIC – Course in Basic Wildfire Awareness

The Australian fire and land management agencies recognise the Course in Basic Wildfire Awareness as the minimum requirement for non-firefighting personnel who provide support services at wildfires or at planned burns.

Students will learn to recognise the key risks of a wildfire or planned burn environment and the related precautions that need to be taken to avoid these risks for:

- non-firefighting personnel, working under supervision in support roles at wildfires or at planned burns
- people who may encounter wildfires or planned burns in the course of their activities.

DELIVERY MODEL

This accredited training unit is be completed online and with the support of an subject matter expert facilitator. It may also be delivered face-to-face, to a larger group at a location of your choice.

ASSESSMENT

Students will undertake assessment of their knowledge on fire behaviour, safety precautions and suitable actions for injury prevention at the conclusion of the learning program. A statement of attainment will be issued to those students who have obtained a satisfactory assessment result.

COURSE DURATION:

This unit is delivered in 6 hours and includes delivery of training material and assessment.

PATHWAYS

This course is a accredited by the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority and is a licensed program with the Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC).

RECOGNITION AND CREDIT

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and direct credit are available through application.

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