

National
Outdoor
Leaders
Registration
Scheme



Outdoor Council of Australia

The skills, knowledge & experience of the outdoor leader is by far the biggest factor in determining the success and safety of outdoor programs and activities.

The NOLRS provides a national standard for outdoor leaders, attesting to the current skills, knowledge and experience of registered leaders.

The Scheme therefore assists agencies, organisations and individuals seeking to engage outdoor leaders to ascertain their suitability.

State and Territory Offices

Each state and territory outdoor industry association can assist with general enquiries.

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“Quality and Safety in „
Outdoor Programs...”

NOLRS

The National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS) is a voluntary, national registration scheme for outdoor leaders. Outdoor leaders work on programs for people engaged in recreation, education, tourism, therapy and community development — in both the commercial and not-for-profit sectors. The NOLRS is designed to recognise individuals who have appropriate and current skills, knowledge and experience against a nationally agreed industry standard.

This 'standard' or benchmark is endorsed by the Outdoor Council of Australia (OCA). At the same time, the NOLRS registration allows end users including land managers, employers and policy makers to make decisions about the suitability of outdoor leaders operating within their jurisdiction.

The NOLRS recognises the diversity of learning pathways that may contribute to an individual's knowledge, skill and experience. The OCA maintains a schedule of courses deemed to produce outdoor leaders with the skills, knowledge and experience equivalent to the national industry standard in each activity specialisation at each Registration Level.

The Registration Levels within the NOLRS are based on defined job roles or functions within a specific activity. These include:

- Restricted Guide
- Guide
- Instructor

The Registration Level needed in any given situation needs to be determined (eg. by employers or those responsible for the activity) following a risk assessment of the activity.

ACTIVITIES

Registration is currently available within the NOLRS for the following activities:

- Abseiling (Artificial / Natural Surfaces)
- Bushwalking
- Caving
 - Challenge Ropes Course (High Ropes / Low Ropes)
 - Climbing (Artificial / Natural Surfaces)
- Cycle Touring
- Mountain Biking
- Four Wheel Driving
- Horse Trail Riding
- Kayaking / Sea Kayaking / Canoeing
- Rafting
- Snorkelling / Wildlife Swims
- Trail Bike Touring
- Surfing



The most significant end result of the NOLRS will be safer and higher quality outdoor programs. Additionally, the NOLRS not only improves quality assurance within the outdoor industry but also provides a number of other potential outcomes for outdoor leaders, land managers, employers and policy makers, including:

- National recognition of skills, knowledge and experience irrespective of the outdoor leader's pathway to a qualification
- A tool for monitoring currency of skills, knowledge and experience of outdoor leaders
- A mechanism for defining training requirements to meet the national industry standard
- Increased public confidence in outdoor program delivery

Other possible longer term benefits:

- Provision of data to assist planning and policy decisions
- Increased access to natural areas for registered leaders who abide by the NOLRS Code of Ethics and Practice
- Decreased insurance premiums for organisations employing registered leaders
- Mutual recognition aligned to the NOLRS Registration Levels with other countries (eg. New Zealand, United Kingdom)
- Other services may include newsletters, networking, insurance, work conditions, job opportunities and pay rates

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