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# GUIDELINES EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS

For Spiritual Directors wishing to register as Spiritual Directors of WellSpring

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## INTRODUCTION

The criteria behind these guidelines:

- a) *The National Standards for the Formation of Spiritual Directors*
- b) *The National Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors*  
Both documents have been published by the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction (AECSD) and are recognised in the structure and standards of the WellSpring Centre Formation Program
- c) The standards and principles of the WellSpring Centre Formation Program for Spiritual Directors, *The Art of Spiritual Direction* (Units 1, 2 and 3)

There are 3 parts to the process of assessing whether a person has what we consider to be “Equivalent Qualifications”

- 1) An application form to be completed by the person requesting “Equivalent Qualification” recognition by WellSpring Centre
- 2) A set of questions based on the above three criteria which the WellSpring Centre Formation team will ask themselves when considering the application
- 3) A personal interview with the person applying for “Equivalent Qualification” recognition by at least two members of the WellSpring Centre Formation team

On the basis of careful consideration of these three aspects of the process, the Formation team will consider whether the person concerned has basically covered the material deemed necessary (practical and theoretical) or whether further work needs to be done in certain areas.

In some circumstances, the Formation team may choose to register a person as an Associate Spiritual Director with WellSpring Centre on the understanding that once that person has demonstrated specific further training and/or experience and/or supervision, he/she may be accepted as a fully registered Spiritual Director with WellSpring Centre.

To apply, please complete the form at [www.wellspringcentre.org.au/register-sd](http://www.wellspringcentre.org.au/register-sd)