

Awards & Qualifications Chart

This chart is intended to support Australian Lifeguard Service teams raising assessment requests within SurfGuard.
Please refer to the [Australian Lifeguard Service webpage](#) for more information on how to become a lifeguard.

SLSA Award/Qualification	Minimum Age+	SLSA Entry Requirements++	Unit Of Competency / Qualification Issued*		
Aquatic Rescue Pathway Awards					
Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) - Updated Annually	13 years	Nil	PUAOPE013	Operate communications systems and equipment	
			PUASAR012	Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills	
			PUASAR013	Participate in an aquatic rescue operation	
			HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (valid for 1 year)	
Bronze Medallion (BM) and Certificate II In Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (Cert II PSAR) - Updated Annually	15 years	Nil	PUA20119	Certificate II in public safety (aquatic rescue)	
			PUAOPE013	Operate communications systems and equipment	
			PUASAR012	Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills	
			PUASAR013	Participate in an aquatic rescue operation	
			HLTAID010	Provide basic emergency life support (valid for 3 years)	
			PUACOM001	Communicate in the workplace	
			PUATEA001	Work in a team	
			PUATEA004	Work effectively in a public safety organisation	
			PUAWHS001	Follow defined work health & safety policies & procedures	
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR) - Updated Annually	16 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR	N/A	N/A	
Certificate III In Public Safety (Aquatic Search & Rescue) (Cert III PSAR)	16 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/ Cert II PSAR	Core Units	PUA30319	Certificate III in public safety (aquatic rescue)
				PUAWHS002	Maintain safety at an incident scene
				PUASAR011	Search as a member of an aquatic search team
				PUACOM001	Communicate in the workplace
				PUAOPE013	Operate communications systems and equipment
				PUATEA004	Work effectively in a public safety organisation
				HLTAID0011	Provide first aid (valid for 3 years)
			Electives (5)	HLTAID015	Provide advanced resuscitation (valid for 1 year)
				HLTAID014	Provide advanced first aid (valid for 3 years)
				PUAOPE027	Undertake beach safety management activities
				BSBFLM312	Contribute to team effectiveness
				PUATEA002	Work autonomously
				PUAEME005	Provide pain management (valid for 1 year)
				PUASAR015	Crew small powercraft in a rescue operation
				PUAEQU001	Prepare, maintain, and test response equipment
				PUASAR014	Operate and maintain a small powercraft and motor for rescue operations
				PUASAR016	Operate and maintain a personal water craft for rescue operations
PUASAR017	Undertake advanced surf rescue				
Gold Medallion (GM) - Updated Annually	17 years	Hold and be proficient in each of the following SLSA awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR • First Aid • Silver Medallion Beach Management or Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (v2022) • Advanced Resuscitation Techniques 	PUASAR017	Undertake advanced surf rescue	

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*Issued separately as a standalone unit

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SLSA Award/Qualification	Minimum Age ⁺	SLSA Entry Requirements ⁺⁺	Competency Prerequisites	Unit Of Competency/ Qualification Issued*	
Beach Management Pathway Awards					
Radio Operator Certificate (ROC) - Updated Annually	13 years	Nil		PUAOPE013	Operate communications systems and equipment
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC) - Updated annually	17 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a Bronze Medallion/Cert II • PSAR and have 2 years patrolling experience 		N/A	N/A
Silver Medallion Beach Management (SMBM) for lifeguards	17 years	Hold a Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR and have 2 years patrolling experience and be proficient in at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR • Radio Operator Certificate • Advanced Resuscitation Techniques • First Aid • Spinal Management 		PUAOPE027	Undertake beach safety management activities
Powercraft Pathway Awards					
Inflatable Rescue Boat Crewperson (IRBC) - Updated Annually	15 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR	Nil	PUASAR015	Crew small powercraft in a rescue operation
Side-By-Side Vehicle (SSV) Induction - Updated Annually	17 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficient in at least one SLSA award • Current NSW Drivers Licence. Minimum Provisional Drivers License. Details on members records 	Nil	Members must be inducted for each SSV make and model that they have not driven before.	
Silver Medallion Inflatable Rescue Boat (SMIRB) Driver - Updated Annually	17 years	Proficient in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR • IRB Crewperson Certificate 	Nil	PUAEQU001	Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
				PUASAR014	Operate and maintain a small powercraft and motor for rescue operations
Rescue Water Craft Operator (RWC) - Updated Annually	18 years	Proficient in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Resuscitation Techniques • Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR • First Aid • Silver Medallion Beach Management or Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (2022) • NSW Vehicle License with tow capacity 	Nil	PUAEQU001	Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
				PUASAR016	Operate and maintain a personal water craft for rescue operations
Emergency Care Pathway Awards					
Resuscitation (Resus) - Updated Annually	10 years	Nil	Nil	HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (valid for 1 year)
First Aid (FA) - Valid for 3 yrs, CPR - Updated Annually	14 years	Nil	Nil	HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (valid for 1 year)
				HLTAID010	Provide basic emergency life support (valid for 3 years)
				HLTAID011	Provide first aid (valid for 3 years)
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART) - Updated Annually	15 years	Proficient in First Aid	• HLTAID011 Provide first aid	HLTAID015	Provide advanced resuscitation (valid for 1 year)
Training Awards					
Training Officer Certificate (TOC)	16 years	Nil	Nil	TAEDEL301	Provide work skill instruction
				BSBCMM411	Make presentations

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