Awards & Qualifications Chart

SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW SOUTH WALES

This chart supports education officers and administrators raising assessment requests within SurfGuard.

Course participants may refer to the SLSNSW Education Pathways webpage for more information on courses available to them.

SLS 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 Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (PUA20119) - *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	Participate in an aquatic rescue operation
			PUAWHS001	Follow defined work health and safety policies and procedures
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR) – *Updated Annually*	16 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/ Cert II PSAR	N/A	N/A
Gold Medallion (GM) – *Updated Annually*	17 years	Hold and be proficient in each of the following SLSA awards: • 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
Beach Management Pathway Awards				
Radio Operator Certificate (RO_ - *Updated Annually*	13 years	NIL	PUAOPE013	Operate communications systems and equipment
Silver Medallion Patrol Captains (SMPC) – *Updated Annually*	17 years	• Hold or have previously held a Bronze Medallion Cert II PSAR • Hold a current patrolling award • Have a minimum of 2 years patrolling experience	NIL	NIL
Powercraft Pathway Awards				
Side-By-Side (SSV) Induction	17 years	• Proficient in at least one SLSA Award • Valid drivers license, minimum provisional drivers licence. Sighted and recorded on members SurfGuard records.	Member must be inducted for each SSV make and model that they have not driven before.	
Inflatable Rescue Boat Crew (IRBC) – *Updated Annually*	15 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR	PUASAR015	Crew small powercraft in a rescue operation
Silver Medallion Inflatable Rescue Boat Driver (SMIRBD) – *Updated Annually*	17 years	Proficient in: • Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR • IRB Crew Certificate	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: • Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR • Valid driver's licence with tow capacity	PUAEQU001	Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
			PUASAR016	Operate and maintain a small personal water craft for rescue operations
Emergency Care Pathway Awards				
Resuscitation (Resus) – *Updated Annually*	10 years	NIL	HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (*valid for 1 year*)
First Aid (FA) *Valid for 3 years* CPR – *Updated Annually*	14 years	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	Proficiency in First Aid (HLTAID011)	HLTAID015	Provide advanced resuscitation (*valid for 3 years*)
Training Awards				
Training Officer Certificate (TOC)	16 Years	NIL	TAEDEL311	Provide work skill instruction
			BSBCMM411	Make Presentation

NOTE: + Minimum age refers to the minimum age required on the date of final assessment

++ Must be current at time of assessment and updated as required

• Issued separately as standalone unit