

# 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*		
<b>Aquatic Rescue Pathway Awards</b>					
<b>Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) - Updated Annually</b>	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)	
<b>Bronze Medallion (BM) and Certificate II In Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (Cert II PSAR) - Updated Annually</b>	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	
<b>Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR) - Updated Annually</b>	16 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR	N/A	N/A	
<b>Certificate III In Public Safety (Aquatic Search &amp; Rescue) (Cert III PSAR)</b>	16 years	Proficient in Bronze Medallion/ Cert II PSAR	<b>Core Units</b>	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)
			<b>Electives (5)</b>	HLTAID015	Provide advanced resuscitation (valid for 3 years)
				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				
<b>Gold Medallion (GM) - Updated Annually</b>	17 years	Hold and be proficient in each of the following SLSA awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR</li> <li>• First Aid</li> <li>• Silver Medallion Beach Management or Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (v2022)</li> <li>• Advanced Resuscitation Techniques</li> </ul>	PUASAR017	Undertake advanced surf rescue	

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

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