

# Awards & Qualifications Chart

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.

| 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  | PUA0PE013                                  | 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)         |  |
|   |   |  | PUA0PE013                                  | 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>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                           |  |
| SLSA Award/Qualification  | Minimum Age+  | SLSA Entry Requirements++  | Competency Prerequisites                   | Unit Of Competency / Qualification Issued*               |  |
| <b>Beach Management Pathway Awards</b>  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Radio Operator Certificate (ROC) - Updated Annually</b>  | 13 years  | Nil  | PUA0PE013                                  | 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 PSAR</li> <li>have 2 years patrolling experience</li> </ul>   | N/A  | N/A  |  |
| <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>Bronze Medallion/Cert II PSAR</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<br>Provide first aid             | HLTAID015  | Provide advanced resuscitation (valid for <b>3 years</b> )                             |
| <b>Training Awards</b>  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Training Officer Certificate (TOC)</b>   | 16 years  | Nil  | Nil  | TAEDEL301  | Provide work skill instruction   |
|   |   |  |  | BSBCMM411  | Make presentations   |

+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 a standalone unit

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