

Circular 017:07:20



To: Trainers, Assessors, Facilitators, Chief Instructors, Area Training and Assessment Officers

Cc: Club Presidents, Training Administrators

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Subject: **Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion - Season 2020-21**

Action: Review award updates and download new resources as part of season planning / preparation.

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The below is a summary of updates to Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion awards, ahead of the 2020/21 season. Further information / upskill sessions will be organised ahead of the season for Trainers, Assessors and Facilitators (TAFs).

Module Alignment

The modules for Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion have been aligned with those used by SLSA. They reflect the SLSA content updates and improve the flow between SRC and Bronze.

Surf Rescue Certificate	Bronze Medallion
Safety and Wellbeing	Safety and Wellbeing
Radio Operation	Radio Operation
Surf Awareness	Surf Awareness
Rescue	Rescue
Resuscitation	Resuscitation
	Emergency Care
	Communication
	Spinal Management
	Patrol Operation

Content Updates

A summary of SLSA content updates reflecting the new Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue 35th Edition are:

- Oxygen administration training removed.
- Care of airway over other injuries except severe life-threatening bleeding noted.
- Content on the application of arterial tourniquets for Bronze Medallion training.
- Member protection topic added.
- New content on preparing for a rescue and team preparedness for a rescue operation.
- New content on situational awareness.
- New content on post-rescue operations. Includes rescue debrief and reminder of 'Safety and wellbeing' training of what to expect following a critical incident.

- New content on equipment cleaning and maintenance following a rescue.
- New and updated content on victim approach, conscious victim rescues and returning to shore through the break zone with a victim.
- Greater emphasis on performing a risk assessment to determine if safe or unsafe to enter the water.
- New content on appropriate use of social media / building relationships through communication.
- New information on how to provide compassionate and constructive feedback.
- New information on the principles of conflict resolution / communication with an aggressive person(s).
- New content on routine communications for lifesavers.
- Increased reference to communicating with people from diverse backgrounds.
- New detailed information of what to do and ask in case of a missing person.
- New information about working with fire and rescue emergency services.
- New information on team debriefs at the end of patrol.

Note: Further decisions on the use of tourniquet will be provided ahead of the season.

Training and Assessment Resources

The following resources have been updated to reflect the necessary changes and are available from the website. Current resources must be used for all courses. The password for the resources will be provided on the Trainer and Assessor Facebook page and will apply to the resource Trainer Assessor Guides (TAG's).

Award	Delivery Option	Candidate Resource Kit CRK)	Trainer Assessor Guide (TAG)	PowerPoint (PP)
Surf Rescue Certificate	Face-to-face	SRC-CRK	SRC-TAG	SRC-F2F-PP (x5)
	Blended			SRC-BLD-PP (x5)
Bronze Medallion	Face-to-face	BM-CRK	BM-TAG	BM-F2F-PP (x9)
	Blended			BM-BLD-PP (x9)

Please review circular 375:06:20 at the link below for information on the new SLSA PSAR 35th e-manual
<https://lsv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Circular-375.06.20-Release-of-the-SLSA-Public-Safety-and-Aquatic-Rescue-PSAR-Training-Manual-Edition-35.pdf>

Course Options

The course delivery options remain the same and offer flexibility to both clubs and members.

- Surf Rescue Certificate
 - (Blended) - Online learning and 18hrs face-to-face
 - (Face-to-face) - 24hrs face-to-face
- Bronze Medallion
 - (Bended) - Online learning and 24hrs face-to-face
 - (Face-to-face) – 33hrs face-to-face

Decision on Units of Competency

On Monday 6 July the LSV Board voted to approve the Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion courses becoming non-accredited. This supported the feedback provided by the Clubs, whereby 34 (81%) Clubs supported the removal of the units and 8 (19%) Clubs did not support the removal of the units. There were no responses received from 15 Clubs. The implications of this change to TAF's is summarised below:

- D9 Trainer Matrix's are no longer required to cover Surf Rescue Certificate / Bronze Medallion awards.
- Those holding a Training Officer Certificate (TOC) can train, assess and facilitate Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion training. Delivery MUST follow successful completion of the equivalent i) Trainer, ii) Assessor, iii) Facilitator Evidence Form processes, award currency and endorsement.



Technology

Both the Trainer app (V2) and the updated member-training-portal will be released in the next 2-4 weeks. They will both be reflective of the necessary updates. The Volunteer Training Handbook is also being reviewed and will be released in the next 2-3 weeks.

