

SOP 10.10 – Annual Skills Maintenance

Section 10 – Training and Assessment

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Purpose

- To ensure all patrolling lifesavers are proficient and display a full knowledge and understanding of the patrol award criteria for which they are being assessed.
- Maintain the standards of knowledge and expertise of lifesavers.
- Satisfy legal and statutory requirements.
- Reinforce and maintain our service commitment to the bathing and beach going public.

Scope

All lifesaving members who wish to actively take part in patrol duties or compete in competitions at a State or National level.

Procedures

- All active patrol members are required to complete the annual skills maintenance (requal) assessments to maintain proficiency.
- Annual Skills Maintenance must be completed for the following awards:
 - Surf Rescue Certificate
 - Bronze Medallion
 - IRB Crew
 - IRB Drivers
 - Advanced Resuscitation Techniques
 - Spinal Management
 - RWC
 - Gold Medallion
- Members are to present themselves on the day stipulated for their Club's annual skills maintenance (requal) assessments.
- Members should complete their annual skills maintenance (requal) by attending their Club's advertised dates. If circumstances dictate that a member must complete skills maintenance away from his or her home area, they must seek permission from the Training & Assessment Officer responsible for the Training & Assessment in which he or she proposes to complete the skills maintenance session (requal). Such permission shall not

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be unreasonably withheld. Members should refer to LSV's Annual Skills Maintenance Handbook and associated resources for current requirements.

- All patrolling members should have completed relevant skills maintenance (requal) on or before 31 December each year if they wish to compete in lifesaving events. Members are still able to complete a Skills Maintenance after this date, however they cannot utilize that skill following the expiry until they complete the skills maintenance.
- A proficiency obtained on, or after 1 July shall be valid until 31 December the following year when the same conditions shall apply. Proficiencies gained on or prior to 30 June shall be valid until 31 December of the same year.
- Although valid until 31 December, clubs should attempt to have as many members proficient as early as possible in the season.
- Annual Skills Maintenance will be conducted as per individual Training & Assessment programs or as requested by clubs to individual Training & Assessment Officers, using the correct procedures.
- A member may be requested at any time during the season to complete an additional proficiency check by the Club or a Training & Assessment Officer (or their nominated representative). A member who fails a proficiency check at any time during the season is deemed to be non-proficient until such time as another proficiency check is completed successfully. While not proficient, this member cannot participate in patrol activities relating to the award they are not proficient in. Where proficiency in an award is a requirement to compete in an event, the non-proficient member will also be ineligible to compete.

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