

FACT SHEET: BRONZE MEDALLION/CERTIFICATE II

(PUA21012 Public Safety - Aquatic Rescue)

HISTORY

Surf Life Saving has been training members in the Bronze Medallion since its inception in 1907. This award is central to our history, our traditions and our organisation.

In 2004 there was a change in this award – with the addition of a Certificate II Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).

CURRENT

When members seek to join a club and patrol they then embark on training for the Bronze Medallion/ PUA21012 Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

The training for this course will last for approximately 40 hours face to face depending on current skills and knowledge and fitness levels, and incorporate all theoretical and practical knowledge towards set learning outcomes.

As an entry requirement members must (before training starts)

- be at least 15 years of age on the date of final assessment
- complete an unaided swim (goggles/masks permitted) of 400 metres in nine (9) minutes or less, in a pool no less than 25m long
- Complete an induction into SLS and the club(including all fees paid and blue card applications are in)

FAQ'S

WHAT QUALIFICATION WILL MEMBERS GAIN?

- SLSA Bronze Medallion (an internal organisation award based on our traditional award structure)
- PUA21012 Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (a nationally accredited qualification – same as a TAFE qualification). This includes the following competency's
 - PUACOM001C Communicate in the workplace
 - HLTFA211A Provide basic emergency life support
 - PUASAR013A Participate in an aquatic rescue operation
 - PUATEA001B Work in a team
 - PUATEA004D Work effectively in a public safety organisation
 - PUAOHS001C Follow defined occupational health & safety policies & procedures
 - PUAOPE013A Operate communications systems and equipment
 - PUASAR012C Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills

WHAT IS AN ACCREDITED COURSE

This means that the course

- meets national quality assurance requirements,
- meets an established industry, enterprise, educational, legislative or community need, and
- provides appropriate competency outcomes and a basis for assessment.
- An accredited course is nationally recognised.

A registered training organisation (RTO) can issue a nationally recognised Qualification or Statement of Attainment following full completion of an accredited course, Qualification or Unit of Competency.

Accredited courses/Qualification or Units of Competency can only be delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is a registered training organisation #2804 that allows its members to gain these qualifications.

WHO CAN TRAIN AND ASSESS THE BRONZE MEDALLION/PUA21012 CERTIFICATE II IN PUBLIC SAFETY (AQUATIC RESCUE)

Trainers : must hold nationally recognised qualifications in training. These are

- Make a presentation (BSBCMM401a) and Provide work skill instruction (TAEDEL301A) OR Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment TAE 40110 or its replacement,
- Hold and be proficient in the qualification or skill set they are training
- Endorsed by their club, Branch and SLSQ

Assessors : must hold nationally recognised qualifications in assessing. These are

- Plan Assessment activities and processed (TAEASS401B), Assess Competence (TAEASS402B) and Participate in Assessment Validation (TAEASS403B) OR Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment TAE 40110 or its replacement,
- Hold and be proficient in the qualification or skill set they are assessing
- Endorsed by their club, Branch and SLSQ

ABOUT TRAINERS AND ASSESSORS

The bulk of trainers and assessors do this role voluntarily – giving up many hours to educate fellow members and ensure their own qualifications are current.

As SLSQ is an RTO and they are endorsed trainers and/or assessors they are governed by the rules of the Registered Training Organisation. Standards for RTO's 2015 (which are regulated by Federal Government legislation and the Australian Skills Quality Authority [ASQA]).

The trainers and assessors have a legal responsibility (same as a TAFE teacher) to ensure that the necessary training as per the requirements of SLSQ/RTO are met. As per handbook

Reference to and a copy of the Staff (Trainer and Assessor) Handbook can be found in the TAF Portal

As such it is important that all candidates and club members respect the role of the trainer and assessor and the legal liability that they undertake in signing off a candidate as competent.

Patrols are centred around team work and this commences during training which is why we train our members as part of a squad.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRAINING?

- All members must complete all requirements as per the SLSQ Delivery and Assessment Guide (this can be viewed via your club/trainer)

- Time frames of the course must be adhered to – the course is designed to be a minimum 40 hour face to face course along with many hours of practice, participants must complete all required practical and theoretical tasks within the timeframes
- There is no provision for members to be signed off in less time (unless an RPL process has been followed)
- Regardless of the RPL all candidates must complete ALL assessment tasks as outlined. Assessors must witness a candidate complete the required assessment outcomes before they can be deemed as competent.

ARE THERE RPL OPTIONS?

- Candidates, who believe they already possess some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, or who have received one or more of the related units of competency, may wish to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer. These candidates should consult their Training Officer / Assessor or SLSQ for more information.
- Members must be assessed to determine competence regardless of RPL options – as such the members can participate in an “Assessment Only” pathway

WHAT IF I HELD A BRONZE MEDALLION PRIOR TO 2004?

1. Previous Bronze Medallion Holder with no Certificate II
If a member has never held a Certificate II then they need to redo the entire course. This is the ruling of SLSQ and is standard practice in Training and Education
2. Previous Bronze Holder (with older version of Certificate II*)
They must complete the 4 assessment tasks
 1. Theory i.e. workbook (can be done hard copy or on line)
 2. Third Party Report Sign off i.e. patrol
 3. Preliminary Assessment (this is where any gaps are identified and retrained)
 4. Final Assessment

() please note the current Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) is PUA21012*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF NATIONALLY RECOGNISED TRAINING

- Members gain a nationally recognised qualification that can be used in the workplace or school.
- Queensland Students (year 10 – Year 12) – can have these units credited towards their QCE (with appropriate form completed and provision of Learner Unique Identifier - LUI)
- Other members can use these qualifications to direct credit for other courses and also in their workplace

Once you are an active member – you have access to FREE First Aid, ART and CPR courses.

Please note that these are the rules relative to Queensland and are for all members who want to patrol, compete for an affiliated Queensland Club.