



SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL MEMBER AWARD SYLLABUS

RESCUE WATER CRAFT (RWC) OPERATOR

AWARD SUMMARY

The aim of this course is to provide participants with advanced skills and knowledge to effectively drive and manage a Rescue Water Craft (RWC) in lifesaving operations.

UNIT/S OF COMPETENCY

PUAEQU001B Prepare, maintain and test response equipment

PUASAR016A Operate and maintain a personal watercraft for rescue operations

PRE-REQUISITES

Candidates must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- Be at least 17 years of age to commence training
- be at least 18 years of age on the date of final assessment
- hold and be proficient in the following awards:
 - Bronze Medallion (and hold the Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue))
- A current, valid vehicle license with tow capacity

Some States may also require candidates to hold the following:

- An appropriate and current State Maritime License
- Other SLS awards

RPL AND CREDIT TRANSFER

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 or State Centre for more information.

WHO CAN TRAIN?

- Training Officer RWC, OR
- Facilitator Rescue Water Craft (currently endorsed as per state requirements)

NATIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- Powercraft Training Manual (8th ed)
- RWC Learner Guide
- RWC Delivery and Assessment Guide
- RWC Operator powerpoint



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LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of an RWC Operator, including:
 - List the duties of an RWC Operator
 - List the safety considerations when operating an RWC
 - Communicate effectively with the public and patients in the normal performance of duties.
- Operate an RWC
 - Identify the components of an RWC
 - Launch an RWC safely and efficiently
 - List hazards in the surf
 - Safely and efficiently negotiate the surf while driving an RWC
 - Perform emergency procedures
- Perform rescues
 - Perform conscious and unconscious casualty pick-ups with and without a crewperson
 - Contribute to search and rescue operations; liaising effectively with other emergency response services as required
- Prepare and maintain an RWC
 - Perform pre-operational checks and preventative maintenance of the RWC and sled
 - Perform post-operational maintenance of the RWC and sled
 - Report major wear or damage according to organisational procedures

WHO CAN ASSESS?

- Assessor Rescue Water Craft (RWC), OR
- Facilitator Rescue Water Craft (currently endorsed as per state requirements)

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation and application of all elements of competency in the workplace. Participants will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios.

PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

For this award to remain current candidates must perform an annual proficiency check.