



Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

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Summary:	Notification to Clubs and States of Beach Safety Equipment Fund Distribution Processes of second instalment

Surf Life Saving's core function is to save lives and the Australian Government wants to ensure that Australia's Surf Life Saving clubs are better equipped to reduce the nation's coastal drowning toll.

The Australian Government, through this Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) will provide Australian Surf Life Saving clubs with \$8 million of additional funding over five years to purchase vital safety equipment.

This funding package equates to an additional \$1.6 million per year for five years, providing on average approximately \$5,000 per year to each of the nation's 313 Surf Life Saving clubs. This funding must be used to purchase vital rescue and first aid equipment specified in SLSA's approved gear and equipment manual.

The distribution of the \$5,000 per year will be made via electronic transfer into the Surf Life Saving club's bank account in late-October of each financial year for the next five years until 2018. The final distribution may vary as clubs identified to be in greater need of new or replacement equipment may be prioritised.

Key Dates

- **Equipment Purchase Period 1 July 2015 – 31 January 2016**
 - Tax receipts for equipment purchases within this period are eligible for acquittal under the BSEF.
- **Clubs are to invoice SLSA by 30 September 2015**
 - GST registered clubs should invoice for \$5,500 inclusive of GST. Clubs that are not GST registered will invoice for \$5,000 without GST applying.
- **Funds distributed to club from 31 October 2015**
- **Acquittals submitted via webform by 31 January 2016**
 - The webform can be completed here: <https://sls.com.au/Club-BSEF-Scheme-Webform>

Clubs are also encouraged to recognise the Government for their support through ceremonies and photo opportunities with their local Federal Member of Parliament.

Terms and Conditions:

In consideration of receiving the grant, clubs must adhere to the terms set out in the BSEF circular 02/15-16 and these conditions:

1. Surf Life Saving clubs must be fully compliant and affiliated with their State Lifesaving Association. Please refer to your state centre for detailed compliancy requirements necessary for affiliation. If the state centre advises SLSA that a club is non-compliant on the **31 October 2015**, all BSEF payments will be withheld until the club is fully compliant and affiliated with the State Lifesaving Association
2. Surf Life Saving clubs are required to invoice SLSA by **30 September 2015**. Payments will be made from 31 October 2015 or on receipt of invoice if submitted post due date. GST registered clubs should invoice for \$5,500 inclusive of GST. Clubs that are not GST registered will invoice for \$5,000 without GST applying

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3. First Aid and Rescue Equipment purchased must comply with Surf Life Saving Australia's policies on endorsed manufacturers and/or appear in the SLSA Gear and Equipment Manual
4. Tax receipts for purchases must be submitted via the online webform [available: <https://sls.com.au/Club-BSEF-Scheme-Webform>] purposes by **31 January 2016**. Failure to provide tax receipts shall result in all allocated funding being repaid to SLSA for redistribution and the club being ineligible for ongoing funding for the remainder of the program
5. All gear and equipment owned or purchased by the surf club must be updated onto the Surfguard database selecting the 'BSEF' checkbox
6. Equipment purchased through the BSEF Scheme must be retained by the Surf Life Saving club for a minimum of 3 years (excluding first aid consumable products)
7. Should the actual total cost incurred purchasing equipment be more than the proposed costs, SLSA will not be responsible nor obliged to pay any monies additional to the notified grant amount
8. The BSEF Scheme monies must not be used for any purpose other than that for which the grant was approved
9. Surf Life Saving clubs may be required to promote the grant through their club communication channels and participate in promotional media opportunities that could be generated through the program

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Equipment Details:

The following Rescue and First Aid equipment are eligible for purchase under the BSEF:

- Defibrillators
- First Aid Kits
- Oxygen Resuscitation Equipment
- Spinal Management Equipment
- Training Equipment – Water Rescue Manikin
- Rescue Boards
- Rescue Tubes & Ancillary Equipment (Swim Fins)
- Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRB)
- IRB Motors
- IRB Motor Propeller Guards
- Propellers
- Fuel Cells
- Personal Protective Equipment – Lifejackets and Helmets
- ATV
- Handheld radios - Radios can be purchased under the BSEF scheme. Clubs must check with their State/Territory centre prior to purchase for endorsed radio make & models

An endorsed equipment list can be viewed [here](#)

Acquittal FAQs:

For information on the Acquittal process, [click here](#)

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