



# SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA – CIRCULAR

<b>Title:</b>	SLSA Regulations Review and Update
<b>Audience:</b>	SLS State/Territory Centres, Branches, Clubs & Members
<b>From:</b>	CEO
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<b>Summary:</b>	Key amendments to SLSA Regulations (including Membership)

In 2017, Deloitte was engaged to conduct an internal review of SLSA's policies, rules and regulations in order to simplify and clarify direction for organisation. The review looked at the complexities in Surf Life Saving, particularly the number of membership categories. Questions regarding the changes should be addressed to [info@slsa.asn.au](mailto:info@slsa.asn.au).

## Section 6

### 6.2 – Life Member

This section which could previously be found at section 4.5 has been moved under Section 6, Membership Directives of the SLSA Regulations.

### 6.4.1 – Membership Categories

All members are currently in one of fifteen membership categories, which form part of the SLSA Regulations. These fifteen categories have been re-organised as sub-categories under 5 new primary categories. This move is part of a broad strategy to reduce complexity and improve alignment across the organisation.

The 5 new primary categories of membership are:

- Junior membership (incorporating former categories of Junior Activities membership, Cadet [13-15] membership),
- Active membership (incorporating former categories of Active membership, Reserve Active membership, Award membership),
- Community membership,
- Associate membership (incorporating former categories of Associate membership, Probationary membership, General membership or Leave/Restricted membership),
- Honorary and Service membership(s) including Life Membership (incorporating former categories of Long Service Membership, Honorary membership, Past Active membership).

*\*Note: The Non-Member Participant category in SurfGuard will not be grouped in one of the five (5) Primary Membership Categories and will sit outside of the grouping. The aim from now is that we would use the community membership category instead of using the Non-Member Participant group.*

Within these 5 primary membership categories, you will notice a new class of membership, Community Membership. The SLSA Board is extremely excited to introduce this new membership category which has its origins in the 2016 report 'A Sport and Recreation Game Plan for Surf Life Saving Australia'. The creation of this new membership category within SLSA regulations is aimed at increasing the relevance and engagement of Surf Life Saving Clubs within the local community, augmenting membership revenue and providing pathways for new members to take up active roles within a club.

The integration of Community Membership as a new category in SurfGuard will be completed by the start of the new season. An updated hard copy membership application form, including Community Membership as a category, is now available and will be distributed to clubs. Additional general details around the introduction of this new membership category can be found in the *Changes to Membership Categories* guide attached. Members with specific questions about the introduction of a Community Membership category in their club should address those questions to their club administrators.

### 6.9 – Serious Criminal Offences Policy

This was not previously in the SLSA Regulations. This section is a condensed version of Policy 6.16. For more in depth information relating to serious criminal offence please refer to [Policy 6.16](#).

## Section 7

Subsections 7.13, 7.14 & 7.15 have been added to the SLSA Regulations.