

The New Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion Curriculum

Summary of changes

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Introduction

This document outlines the key changes with the new Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and Bronze Medallion (BM) curriculum established following the recent national curriculum review. It also outlines the differences between the previous and new SRC to BM transition programs.

SRC and BM Course Participants





It is important for lifesaving to continue to ensure the relevancy of the SRC and BM courses to meet today and tomorrow’s operational and societal needs.

The national lifesaving and education committees, with the involvement of the Australian Lifesaving Service and the Chair of the national sport committee, came together in 2017 to review the SRC and BM curriculum and agree upon what an entry-level lifesaver needs to know and do—both now and in the future.

The 10 new curriculum modules cover the SLS organisation’s wants and needs from its key lifesaving awards and the seven core requirements of a lifesaver identified during the national curriculum review:

- 1. Health and fitness
- 2. Rescue
- 3. Communication
- 4. Emergency care
- 5. Resuscitation
- 6. Understanding Risk
- 7. Patrol Operations

While reading the changes within this document, keep these in mind along with who are the main participants within SRC and BM courses.

Participant profiles			
Former nippers	Parents of nippers	Returning members	New members
			

Curriculum

Surf Rescue Certificate

PSAR34 Chapters	New SRC Curriculum Modules
1. Safety and wellbeing	1. Introduction to Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf awareness and skills	2. Safety and wellbeing
3. The human body	3. Radio operations
4. Resuscitation	4. Surf awareness
5. First aid	5. Rescue
6. Communication	6. Resuscitation
7. Radio operations	
8. Rescue techniques	
9. Beach management	

Key changes

1. Nine chapters in PSAR34 consolidated into six curriculum modules.
2. Patrol operations, communication, beach management and first aid no longer in SRC.
3. SRC now aligns with the following four nationally recognised units of competency:
 - PUAOPE013 Operate communications systems and equipment
 - PUASAR012 Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills
 - PUASAR013 Participate in an aquatic rescue operation
 - HLTAID001 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
4. Increased training on mental health conversations.
5. Increased training on member protection and safeguarding children.
6. Increased focus on planning to rescue.

Note: The modules of the new SLSA Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue 35th Edition training manual (PSAR35) align with the new curriculum modules. Refer to the summary of changes for the new PSAR35 manual in the SLS Members Area for more detailed information and insights into the rationale for changes.

Bronze Medallion

PSAR34 Chapters	New BM Curriculum Modules
1. Safety and wellbeing	1. Introduction to Surf Life Saving Australia
2. Surf awareness and skills	2. Safety and wellbeing
3. The human body	3. Radio operations
4. Resuscitation	4. Surf awareness
5. First aid	5. Rescue
6. Communication	6. Resuscitation
7. Radio operations	7. Emergency Care
8. Rescue techniques	8. Communication
9. Basic oxygen and defibrillation	9. Spinal management
10. Carries and supports.	10. Patrol operations
11. Beach management	

Key changes

1. Eleven chapters in PSAR34 consolidated into ten curriculum modules.
2. Oxygen has been removed from the BM.
3. Spinal management module introduced to replace former SLS Spinal Management Certificate.
4. First aid chapter of PSAR34 updated to new BM Emergency care module and includes tourniquet training.
5. The BM aligns with the new PUA20119 Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) (Release 1)
6. Increased training on mental health conversations.
7. Increased training on member protection and safeguarding children.
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SRC to BM Transition

Transition	PSAR34 Chapters	New BM Curriculum Modules
SRC +	<p>The following 2 chapters of PSAR34</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic oxygen and defibrillation 2. Carries and supports. 	<p>The following 4 BM curriculum modules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Care 2. Communication 3. Spinal management 4. Patrol operations

Key changes

- A clearer pathway from SRC to BM as the SRC is now 60% of the BM curriculum and half of the Certificate II Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue (Public Safety).
- Less duplication of SRC content within the BM.
- Clearer entry and exit points for other SLS awards.