

Recognition Factsheet



This factsheet is designed to promote understanding of the recognition awards available to members. Below is an outline of each award, the selection criteria and application process, along with who is responsible for issuing and presentation.

National Patrol Service Award

Recognises members' long service to lifesaving patrols. Available to members who have completed 100% patrol service relevant to their membership category for that season, with a minimum of 16 hours being completed per season.

Years recognised

5, 10, 15, 20, 25,
30, 35, 40, 45, 50

Award prize

Certificate, then Pin
(from 10 yrs onwards)

Application process

Members or club officials submit an application electronically through the Forms section of the [SLS Members Area](#). If SurfGuard does not show full patrol hours, please submit supporting document

Presentation of award

SLSA sends to Clubs for presentation

National Medal

Recognises long service in organisations that protect life and property at some risk to their members. Available to members who have been proficient in SLSA Bronze Medallion each season, with a minimum of 30 hours of service each season, over a period of at least 15 seasons.

Years recognised

15, 25, 35, 45,
55, 65, 75

Award prize

Medallion, then Clasp
(from 25 yrs onwards)

Application process

Members or club officials can submit an application electronically through the Forms section of the [SLS Members Area](#). Hours of service can be amalgamated with hours completed with other organisations. Applications are due 16 March & 16 August each year for endorsement by SLSNSW, who will then send the endorsed application to SLSA. If applying for 25 years & over, they will need to submit supporting proof within the application

Presentation of award

Government sends to SLSA who send to clubs or members (if requested)

SLSA Long Service Award

Recognises members' sustained contribution to SLS. Available to members to recognise 25 years or more of membership of SLSA, starting from when eligible to obtain SRC. Years of service can be aggregated.

Years recognised

25, 30, 40, 50,
60, 70, 75, 80

Award prize

Certificate, Pin

Application process

Members or club officials submit an application electronically through the Forms section of the [SLS Members Area](#).

Presentation of award

Printed and sent out to clubs on third week of each month for presentation.

SLSA Service Certificate

Recognises members' long service as Coaches, Officials, Assessors, Trainers, Facilitators or Age Managers. Separate forms should be completed for each award type and length. Years of service can be aggregated.

Years recognised

5, 10, 15, 20, 25,
30, 35, 40, 45, 50

Award prize

Certificate

Application process

Club officials can submit an application through [SurfGuard](#) as an assessment request or complete the application form found in the [SLS Members Area](#), Document Library, "Application for Coaching, Officiating, Assessing, Training, Facilitating and Age Manager Service Awards Form".

Presentation of award

Processed and sent out to clubs on fourth week of each month for presentation

SLSNSW Support Operations Service Certificate

Recognises Surf Life Saving NSW members' long service as Rescue Water Craft Operators, Jet Boat Operators, Offshore Rescue Boat Operators or Duty Officers.

Years recognised

5, 10, 15, 20, 25,
30, 35, 40, 45, 50

Award prize

Certificate

Application process

Branch officials can submit an application through [SurfGuard](#) as an assessment request.

Presentation of award

SLSNSW sends to clubs for presentation

SLSNSW Life Membership

Recognises Surf Life Saving NSW members' whose volunteering has rendered a distinguished, sustained and conspicuous service to Surf Life Saving NSW over a period of at least 20 years.

Years recognised

20+

Award prize

Certificate, Pin

Application process

Members can complete the nomination form found on the [SLSNSW website](#), search for "SLSNSW Life Membership Form". Nominations should be endorsed by the Branch President, the Branch will then send the endorsed nomination to SLSNSW by the end of September each year.

Presentation of award

Recognised at the SLSNSW State Championships, presented at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence

SLSA Life Membership

Recognises members whose volunteering has rendered a distinguished, sustained and conspicuous service to Surf Life Saving Australia over a period of at least 20 years. Primacy of service at state/national level is a key criteria.

Years recognised

20+

Award prize

Certificate, Pin

Application process

Members or club officials can complete the nomination form found in the [SLS Members Area](#), Document Library, "Honours Nomination Form".

Presentation of award

Presented at the Australian Championships and recognised at the SLSA Awards of Excellence

SLSA Hall of Fame

Permanently commemorates and recognises members and teams who have achieved outstanding accomplishments and exceptional contributions to the development of Surf Life Saving in Australia.

Years recognised

10+

Award prize

Certificate, Trophy, SLSA Hall of Fame induction

Application process

Club officials can complete the nomination form found in the [SLS Members Area](#), Document Library, "F38 SLSA Hall of Fame Nomination Form".

Presentation of award

Presented at the SLSA Awards of Excellence

Please note
online forms will
automatically be
sent to branch for
endorsement

More information can be found in the "SLSA Rewards and Recognition Framework" found in the [SLS Members Area](#), Document Library. Contact education@surflifesaving.com.au with queries.