

Frequently Asked Questions

Beach Safety Equipment Fund 2023/24



What is the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) Acquittal?

The acquittals form part of the funding agreement requirements with the Australian Government. They provide a measure of assurance that the funds have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the BSEF Terms and Conditions listed in 'Circular 5.23-24 – Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) 2023-24'.

Where can I access the BSEF Acquittal Form?

Clubs can access the Acquittal Form in 'Circular 5.23-24 - Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) 2023-24' or via the following link: [Beach Safety Equipment Fund Acquittal Form 2023/24](#).

When is the acquittal due?

Clubs must submit the [Beach Safety Equipment Fund Acquittal Form 2023/24](#) with tax receipts by **31 May 2024** to comply with the BSEF reporting obligations and to remain eligible to receive funding. Surf Life Saving Clubs can purchase vital rescue and first aid equipment from 1 May 2023 – 30 April 2024 for \$10,000.

Note: Failure to submit the acquittal by the due date will result in SLSA requesting the return of the full funding amount. It may also result in future funding from the BSEF being withheld.

What if our club can't submit the acquittal by the due date?

Contact SLSA via email (bsef@slsa.asn.au) as soon as possible.

Who can complete the acquittal?

Delegated club administrators are to complete the BSEF Acquittal process via the online form. The administrator must ensure that the club's acquittal form adheres to the BSEF Terms and Conditions listed in 'Circular 5.23-24 – Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) 2023-24'. If required, an alternate club officer can review the acquittal information prior to submitting the form.

Can funding be accumulated by the club for the next Financial Year?

No. Funding **cannot** be accumulated and must be spent in accordance with the BSEF Terms and Conditions outlined in 'Circular 5.23-24 – Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) 2023-24'.

What if the total funding amount is not spent?

If the total funding amount is not used to purchase gear and equipment in accordance with the funding agreement, SLSA will issue a tax invoice for the residual amount.

Note: Do not return any funds to SLSA until the club receives an invoice.

Can BSEF be spent in conjunction with other funding?

Yes, an item can be part funded by BSEF in conjunction with other funding or grants (e.g. \$20,000 for Side by Side vehicle acquitted using BSEF and State [other] funding).

Note: It is not permissible to receive payment from multiple funding grants for the same item or expense. For instance, if a rescue board costs \$5,000, it is not allowed to receive \$5,000 from BSEF and another \$5,000 from state funding. This practice, known as double-dipping, is prohibited. It is important to distinguish that BSEF funding is separate and distinct from any State/Territory funding or grants.

Is the BSEF inclusive of GST?

No, GST is not included in the funding amount. GST registered clubs should invoice for \$11,000. Clubs that are not GST registered should invoice for \$10,000 without GST applying.

Clubs must invoice SLSA via the [Beach Safety Equipment Fund Club Invoice Form 2023/24](#) by **30 September 2023**.

What items *cannot* be purchased or acquitted using BSEF?

The following list is indicative and is **not** a full exclusive list:

- Surf Rescue Patrol Uniform items
- Water Safety cap and rash shirt
- Logbooks
- Servicing of existing equipment
- Repairs of equipment



- Club maintenance
- Drones (UAV)- Eligible to be purchased subject to approval by States Lifesaving Services.
- Racing Boards (as opposed to approved rescue boards)
- Rescue Watercraft (RWC) - Eligible to be purchased subject to approval by States Lifesaving Services

If equipment isn't listed on the BSEF Approved Gear and Equipment List, can we still purchase it?

Contact SLSA via email (bsef@slsa.asn.au) prior to purchasing the equipment so it can be assessed.