

Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

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Summary:	An outline of the Surf Rescue Patrol Uniform Credit Allocation process and information to access the credit and order of uniforms.

BACKGROUND

Surf Life Saving Clubs continue to receive their Surf Rescue Patrol Uniform Credit allocation to support clubs and their members who have obtained a Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) in the previous season or simply are due for a new patrol uniform. The information for the Patrol Uniform credit has been sent to the email address in your clubs 'Organisational Management' details in [Surfguard](#).

SURF RESCUE PATROL UNIFORM CREDIT ALLOCATION

This funding allows SLSA to support Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSCs) to purchase Surf Rescue Patrol Uniforms based on the number of new aquatic rescue awards (Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion) achieved in the previous season.

The funding allocation for each club is calculated proportionately, based on the number of Bronze Medallion and SRC awards obtained within the previous season across all Australian Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSCs).

All Clubs (except in Western Australia and South Australia)

The distribution of your club credit allocation is reliant on your SLSC's contact email being correct in Surfguard (Organisational Management > Organisational Details). The letter outlining your credit allocation will be sent to this email address.

****Please note if the email address in Surfguard is incorrect or has changed, please contact equipment@slsa.asn.au with the updated email address so we can resend the information.***

Western Australia Clubs

Club use of store credit does not apply in Western Australia. The subsidy amount for Western Australian Clubs is applied to the bulk allocation provided to the State Office for their distribution. Clubs need to contact the WA State Office regarding uniform requirements for this season; including the verification of club sponsors/branding to be applied to patrol shirts and ensuring that any additions are in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

South Australian Clubs

For the 2026/27 season, club use of the store credit does not apply in South Australia in lieu of the extensive uniform packs being provided by SLSSA to every South Australian patrolling member for free as part of the membership recruitment and retention project, and communicated with Club Presidents and Secretaries

What can be purchased as part of the Surf Rescue Patrol Uniform credit allocation?

Eligible Surf Life Saving Clubs will receive a credit in the form of a dollar value to purchase frontline operational Surf Rescue patrol uniform items, such as patrol shirts, patrol shorts, patrol caps and patrol hats.

The SLSC's allocated credit will expire on **30th June 2027** and cannot be carried over to the following season.

How to use the credit allocation

1. Confirm or update the administrative functions for the purchasing officer within your club:
[Surfguard](#) > Organisational Management > Officers > *Member Edit* > Tick '*SLSA Online Member Store/Shop Administrator*' > Update
2. Decide on the quantity of item/s to be purchased and the sizing requirements (shirts/shorts etc.)



3. The clubs authorised purchasing officer must log in to the [SLS Members Hub](#) and go to 'Memberships' > Member Store > The Members Online Shop
4. Enter the order details for the eligible surf rescue patrol uniform items, as listed above
5. Select the most appropriate delivery address
6. Confirm the order
7. SLSA will then apply the credit amount to the order and will distribute an invoice
8. The club must pay the invoice amount (if applicable)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Surf Life Saving Australia encourages clubs to purchase patrol shirts featuring national branding that recognises the latest Qantas brand on the left sleeve. As clubs replenish or replace their patrol uniforms, choosing these shirts helps visibly acknowledge Qantas' support alongside DHL and Isuzu UTE Australia for surf lifesaving and raise awareness of the partnership among members and the wider community.

Purchasing and Finance

For all purchasing (finance, credit and distribution) related matters please contact SLSA Accounts Administrator, Teresa Vom Bruch, via teresa.vombruch@sls.com.au. For all other enquiries please contact the Coastal Safety Team, via equipment@slsa.asn.au.