



Surfing Australia Approved: Surf Rescue Certificates

Requirements for Surfing Australia Surf + SUP Coaches

All Surfing Australia Surf + SUP Instructors are required to hold a current surf rescue certificate as part of their coaching accreditation. The minimum requirements for surf rescue certificates accepted by Surfing Australia are as follows:

Practical:

- Timed Swim: Minimum of 200 metres.
- Basic Surf Fitness Test: Run-swim-run/Ocean Mission to demonstrate surf skill competency.
- Practical Assessments: Rescue techniques using a surf craft, including the rescue of an unconscious patient.

Theory:

- Covers supervision of participants in aquatic environments and the role of a surf coach.

Note:

- A Flat-water Rescue certificate can be provided by SUP instructors operating in inland waters or exposed coastal waters without surf.
- SUP Surf and Open Water Instructors, as well as all Surf Coaches, require a surf rescue certificate with practical assessments completed in the surf environment.
- Swimming pool lifeguard rescue certificates are not acceptable. The rescue certificate must be applicable to the environment in which you teach.

Below is a list of all accepted ocean rescue certificates, along with trainer contact information per state. If you are unsure whether your certificate is accepted, please contact your State Surfing Organisation.

Accepted Certificates

- OSSCA (Ocean Safety Surf Coach Award) or higher APLOA qualification
- Surf Life Saving- Community Surf Rescue Certificate
- Surf Life Saving- Surf/Beach Bronze Medallion or Higher
- Surf Life Saving- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
- Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
- Surf Rescue Certificate (Supervisor)

Surf Rescue Trainers

Queensland:

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Training Organisation: Surf Life Saving Queensland

W: www.lifesaving.com.au

Training Organisation: Australian Rescue First Aid

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Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving NSW

Contact: www.surflifesaving.com.au

Victoria:

Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving Victoria

Contact: www.lsv.com.au

Qualifications: Community Surf Rescue Certificate or Surf/Beach Bronze

Training Organisation: Train Up Now

E: kelvin@trainupnow.com.au

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South Australia:

Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving SA

Contact: www.surflifesavingsa.com.au

Tasmania:

Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving Tasmania

Contact: [Surf Life Saving Tasmania](#)

Western Australia:

Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving Western Australia

Contact: [Surf Life Saving WA](#)