Surfing Australia Approved: Ocean Safety Certificates

Requirements for Surfing Australia Surf + SUP Instructors

All Surfing Australia Surf + SUP Instructors are required to hold an ocean safety certificate as part of their coaching accreditation. The minimum requirements for ocean safety 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:

- 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 qualification, along with trainer information per state. If you are unsure whether your certificate is accepted, please contact your State Surfing Organisation.

Accepted Qualifications

- OSSCA (Ocean Safety Surf Coach Award) or higher APLOA qualification
- Community Surf Rescue Certificate
- Surf/Beach Bronze Medallion or Higher
- Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) or Higher
- Surf Rescue Certificate (Supervisor)
- School Teacher Aquatic Rescue Training (START) **(Western Australia Only)**
- Professional Ocean Lifeguard Annual Proficiency (POL)
- PROFESSIONALOCEAN LIFEGUARD ANNUAL PROFICIENCY **(NSW only)**
- SISCAQU019 Supervise patron safety in aquatic locations/SISCAQU020 Perform water res cues
- PUASAR012 – Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills/PUASAR013 – Participate in an aquatic rescue operation

Surf Rescue Trainers

Queensland:

Trainer: Steve Sharpe
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Training Organisation: Ocean Guard Water Safety Services

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Training Organisation: Surf LifeSaving Queensland
Contact: www.lifesaving.com.au

Training Organisation: Australian Rescue First Aid
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Training Organisation: APOLA
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APOLA for Lifeguards &OSSCA for Surf Coaches

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Training Organisation: APOLA
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Training Organisation: Wollongong First Aid
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Trainer: Steve Sharpe
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Ph: 07 5576 0513
Qualification: Aquatic Rescue Certificate
Area: Only Northern NSW

Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving NSW
Contact: www.surflifesaving.com.au
Qualification: Bronze Medallion or Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)

Victoria:

Training Organisations: Surf Lifesaving Victoria
Contact: www.lsv.com.au
Qualifications: Community Surf Life Saving Certificate/Beach Bronze Medallion

Training organisation: APOLA (AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL OCEAN LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION)

Deliverer: Kelvin Benson

TrainupNOW - https://trainupnow.com.au/

Qualification: Ocean Safety Surf Coach Award (OSSCA)

South Australia:

Training Organisation: Surf Lifesaving SA

Contact: www.surflifesavingsa.com.au

Qualifications: community rescue award, Surf rescue award, bronze medallion, Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue),

Tasmania:

Training organisation: Surf Lifesaving Tasmania

Contact: www.slst.asn.au

Qualifications: Community Surf Lifesaving Certificate

Western Australia:

Training organisation: Surf lifesaving Western Australia

Contact: Community Surf Rescue Certificate

Qualification: Community Surf rescue certificate

Training organisation: Surf Life Saving Club (local)

Contact: dependent on area

Qualification: Surf Bronze Medallion

Training organisation: Royal Life Saving Western Australia

Contact: Royal Life Saving WA

Qualification: School Teacher Aquatic Rescue Training (START)