



**SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL MEMBER AWARD
SYLLABUS
SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE**

AWARD SUMMARY

The aim of this course is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to participate in search and rescue operations.

UNIT/S OF COMPETENCY

- PUAOHS002B Maintain safety at an incident scene
- PUASAR011C Search as a member of an aquatic search team

These units form part of the PUA31312 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue).

PREREQUISITES

Candidates must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- be at least 16 years of age on the date of final assessment
- complete a 400 m swim in 8 minutes or less in a swimming pool of no less than 25 m length
- hold and be proficient in the SLSA Bronze Medallion and hold the Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue).

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER

Candidates who believe they already possess some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, or who have received one or more of the related units of competency, may wish to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) or credit transfer. These candidates should consult their training officer or state centre for more information.

WHO CAN TRAIN?

- Trainer or Facilitator Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (currently endorsed as per state requirements)

NATIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- Introduction to Search and Rescue (SAR) v2.0 Online Module
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Learner Guide
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Delivery and Assessment Guide
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue PowerPoint
- *Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue* training manual (34th edition)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Contribute to preparation activities for search and rescue operations.
 - Interpret task information.
 - Use basic navigational techniques
 - Select appropriate search and rescue equipment.



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SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE

- Perform search and rescue of a missing person.
 - Identify hazards to self, bystanders and patient at an incident scene.
 - Minimise risks.
 - Select appropriate personal protective equipment.
 - Communicate incident details to relevant personnel at appropriate stages.
 - Demonstrate an advanced water entry technique.
 - Describe search patterns.
 - Operate as a member of a search team.
 - Perform retrieval of a submerged object at a depth of 3 – 5 m below the surface.
 - Participate in a night search operation.
- Demonstrate recovery and stand-down procedures.
 - Complete operational documentation.
 - Perform equipment recovery, cleaning and maintenance in line with organisational procedures.
 - Describe symptoms of operational stress and sources of support.

WHO CAN ASSESS?

- Assessor or Facilitator Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (currently endorsed as per state requirements)

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation and application of all elements of competency in the workplace. Participants will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios.

PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

There is currently no proficiency requirement for this award. However, award holders will be expected to remain current through participation in annual update sessions or search and rescue exercises.