



**SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA  
POLICY STATEMENT  
OFF-DUTY AMBULANCE OFFICERS  
ON SLSA RESCUE CRAFT**

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## **1 POLICY**

This advice is in regards to Ambulance Officers, including paramedics performing duties on SLSA craft particularly Offshore and Jet Rescue Boats and Rescue Helicopters in their own time.

This policy should not discourage ambulance officers who desire to offer their services to SLSA but it does offer guidelines to ensure that the duty of care and liability of SLSA and the individual is protected.

Should a person who is employed as an ambulance officer wish to perform volunteer ambulance duties on an SLSA craft that person is required to have written approval from one of the following:

- i. the Medical Director of the State Ambulance Service; or
- ii. the State Superintendent of the State Ambulance Service; or
- iii. SLSA's National Medical Officer.

That person may then undertake the Specialist Crew Certificate applicable to the craft; may carry and utilise equipment and drugs according to their Ambulance Service protocols and may perform advanced life support and emergency care skills according to their training.

If the person does not receive permission from one of the above officers, that person is not permitted to crew an SLSA craft, unless they become a member of a Surf Lifesaving Club, complete the Bronze Medallion and the appropriate SLSA crew awards. They are not permitted to carry additional equipment or drugs that are used in the line of performing their Ambulance protocols.

Breach of this Policy is likely to negate SLSA insurances.

This policy has been written in consultation with the Medical Directors of State Ambulance Services, the National Medical Officer and the Australian Institute of Ambulance Officers.