



Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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SLSA Coaches and Officials **Changes to Accreditation scheme**

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1. Four (4) year Proficiency period for all awards

From 1st December 2009, all coach and official awards (Level 1, 2 and 3) will have a proficiency period of four (4) years, expiring on 31st December of the fourth year. Within this time period all officials must accumulate a minimum of 100 points and coaches must accumulate a minimum of; 75 points for Level 1 coaches, 85 points for Level 2 coaches and 100 points for Level 3 coaches.

This change will not affect Level 1 coaches and officials.

This change will however affect Level 2 and Level 3 coaches and officials. All current level 2 and 3 coaches and officials have a licence card which shows name, award, licence number and expiry date. From 1st December 2009 the expiry date on the licence card will be incorrect.

The changes to expiry dates will occur mid-proficiency period for all level 2 and 3 coaches and officials as the surf guard and surf mate systems calculate the expiry dates based on the amount of year from the entered proficiency date. Therefore when the systems change over to accommodate the new proficiency periods expiry dates will change.

All current Level 2 coaches and officials will have one extra year added to their accreditation from 1st December 2009.

All current Level 3 coaches and officials will have two extra years added to their accreditation from 1st December 2009.



SLSA is aware that this means that licence cards for all Level 2 and 3 coaches and officials will initially show an incorrect expiry date, however the licence number will always remain the same whilst the award is recorded.

All correct proficiency dates, expiry dates and licence numbers can be located on surf guard or surf mate.

New licence cards will not be issued until the next re-licencing occurs for each individual, however if you have any issues or require your expiry date for any reason, please contact either your state centre or SLSA.

2. Re-licencing after expiry dates

Due to the extended proficiency time of the most awards, SLSA and state centres will be enforcing the below guidelines with respect to coaches and officials who do not re-licence within six months of their award expiring.

Officials

Level	Level 1, 2 & 3	
Award	4 year duration	
Expiry	31 st December of fourth year	
Re-licence Grace Period	All Officials have 6 months to re-apply for their award (up until 30 th June of the year following expiry date)	
Award Deletion	From the 1 st July the year following expiry and no re-licence has occurred, the award will be deleted from the system and the official will be moved to the level below. Should there be no level below, the award will be deleted completely.	i.e. A level 2 who does not re-licence by 30 th June will become a level 1 and be issued with another 4 years as a level 1 official.
Re-instatement of award	Following the award being deleted, it can only be re-instated following application for RPL for that particular course. RPL consideration will be dependant on the length of time that the award was allowed to lapse.	i.e. a level 2 who was moved to a Level 1 can apply for RPL at any time to become a Level 2 Official again.



Coaches

Level	Level 1, 2 & 3	
Award	4 year duration	
Expiry	31 st December of fourth year	
Re-licence Grace Period	The coaching award will stay on the individual's record for a following 4 years from the expiry date. The coach will not be proficient but has the option to re-licence any time with 4 years at the same level.	An award that expires in 31/12/2010 can be re-licenced any time up until 31/12/2014. From 1/1/2015 the award will be deleted.
Award Deletion	The award will be deleted after the 4 year grace period and the coach will be moved to the level below. A level one coach will be deleted out of the system.	A level 1 who does not re-licence before the award expires or in the next following four years will be deleted out of the system.
Re-Instatement of award	After the 4 year grace period a coach must apply for RPL to be reinstated at the higher level accreditation. RPL consideration will be dependant on the length of time that the award was allowed to lapse.	i.e. a level 2 who was moved to a Level 1 can apply for RPL at any time to become a Level 2 Coach again.

3. Summary

Both of the above changes will come into effect 1st December 2009. Any comments or issues understanding the above can be directed to Surf Life Saving Australia through emails; surfcoach@slsa.asn.au or surfofficial@slsa.asn.au .

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