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SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
Gold Medallion Award Assessments 2023-24	Friday 8 September 2023	10/23-24

To	Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers
From	Director Education
CC	BOM, LSOC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MSC

Sydney Branch has scheduled the following dates for members to complete the Gold Medallion Award Assessment and/or skills maintenance this season. Registrations from Clubs are open for both dates.

Assessment #1 December 2023

Saturday 9 December 2023 at Randwick Beach TBA 8.00 am start

Closing date Registrations 13/10/2023

Registration link <https://form.jotform.com/232470740181854>

Assessment #2 March 2024

Saturday 23 March 2024 at Cronulla Sutherland Beach TBA 8.00 am start

Closing date Registrations 5/1/2024

Registration link <https://form.jotform.com/232471103125846>

Clubs please ensure only those members eligible who meet ALL award pre reqs are submitted to Branch Office. Clubs can do an 'assessment candidate qualifications check' in Surfguard of your members before registration.

Candidate numbers will be capped to a total of 20 including Assessors and Water Safety per group. *Pending responses – beach location size – assessor availability we may be able to have 2 groups for assessment on the same day – but this is not confirmed. Clubs will be advised after registration closing date of final arrangements.*

Award Summary

The aim of this award is to provide lifesavers with a benchmark of fitness and endurance that meets the minimum requirement for work in the professional lifeguard industry. Note : this is not an employment qualification. If you are interested in working as a professional lifeguard you may be expected to undergo other training requirements.

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UNIT OF COMPETENCY

This award is aligned to the nationally recognised unit of competency

- PUASAR017 Undertake advanced surf rescue

This unit is part of the PUA30319 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue). You can apply for the unit of competency and the Certificate III in Public Safety through your state centre.

PRE REQUISITES

To be eligible to attempt a Gold Medallion assessment, candidates will need to:

- be at least 17 years old on the date of assessment
- hold and be proficient in all of the following SLSA awards:
 - Bronze Medallion
 - First Aid
 - Advanced Resuscitation Techniques
 - Silver Medallion Patrol Captain or Silver Medallion Beach Management

ASSESSMENT

To be deemed competent in the Gold Medallion candidates will need to complete all of the following activities in the one day:

- swim 800m in under 14 minutes in an open water course not more than 400 m in length (the course should be set around a single buoy so that candidates have to swim the same track but in different directions) or a swimming pool of no less than 25 m in length, unaided and in freestyle. **(this task Sydney Branch would ask be conducted prior to Gold Medallion assessment day and proof of timed swim be provided to Branch Office Swim Time Proof Form Gold Medallion. Time pool swims are to be overseen by an endorsed Assessor and signed off by an endorsed Assessor and are to be completed within the time frame of date of this circular and final assessment date)**
- complete a mission test of a 400 m swim, 800 m run, 400 m board paddle, 800 m run in under 25 minutes
- complete a tube rescue of an unconscious patient 100 m out at sea (use of fins preferred)
- complete a board rescue of a novice swimmer 200 m out at sea
- perform a complex patient rescue, including selecting equipment, returning patient to shore and treating patient appropriately and completing post-operational requirements

Candidates must display 'a sense of urgency' equal to a real situation in all rescue activities (tube, board and complex scenario).

Who Can Assess?

Assessor Gold Medallion - endorsed as per state requirements annually. Surf Life Saving Sydney will appoint the Gold Medallion Assessors for our scheduled assessment dates.

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Assessment

Assessment is through practical demonstration of all the skills listed in the Assessment Criteria above.

Proficiency Requirements

This award is valid for only 12 months. The whole assessment must be undertaken again each year for the award to remain current.

Registration Process

Clubs are to register their eligible candidate/s for the **Assessment dates via registration links on page 1 of this circular.**

Those members who are eligible to attend are asked to advise their Club Chief Training Officer/Club Captain or Club Administration of their interest. Clubs are to check the candidate meets all the award pre requisites before registering the member.

- Candidates are not to be registered for assessment of this award if they do not hold all of the award pre requisites and these are recorded in Surfguard on their member award record.
- Branch office will confirm to all Clubs and candidates via email after the closing date only those confirmed are eligible to attend the assessment.
- Once confirmed, Clubs can then create the new award request in Surfguard for their members attending the Gold Medallion assessment.
- Following the course, Clubs will be advised by the Branch Office of their successful candidates and the Branch will 'process results' and 'candidate approval steps of the Surfguard assessment process on behalf of the Clubs and their candidates.
- **Evidence of the timed pool swims are to be sent to the Branch Office and are to be received by email before assessment date lifesaving@surflifesavingsydney.com.au Candidates will not be able to participate in the assessment without proof of the timed pool swim.**
- Clubs need to provide sufficient rescue boards and rescue tubes and other relevant equipment for their candidates to bring to assessment.
- Candidates are required to wear club competition cap and high vis singlet
- Meeting point on assessment day for candidates will be advised by Branch office to candidates closer to the date.

Any enquiries, please contact the Branch Office.

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