



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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## Award Changes – Season 2010/2011

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<b>Summary</b>	
<p>Season 2010/2011 will see changes to a small number of SLSA awards, and preparation needed for pending new awards. This circular provides a summary of the changes and action to be taken.</p>	
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### Background

As part of SLSA's policy of ongoing continuous improvement, the National Board of Lifesaving periodically makes changes to existing surf awards, removes obsolete surf awards and introduces new surf awards. These changes are not taken lightly, and all proposed changes are the result of industry competency changes, research, design and consultation processes.

This circular summarises changes to awards for the coming season, and also provides some information on awards planned for introduction.

### AWARDS BEING DELETED

The following awards have become obsolete this year, and can no longer be issued.

<b>Advanced Resuscitation Certificate (ARC)</b>	
Currency:	Can no longer be issued after 1 July 2010.
Proficiency:	All ARC holders who complete a 2010/11 proficiency that includes defibrillation and suction will be awarded the ARTC within their Surfguard Profile (See Proficiency Circular 01 -10/11)
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	<p>With the introduction of industry unit of competency <i>HLTFA404A Advanced Resuscitation Techniques</i> the SLSA award Advanced Resuscitation has become obsolete. The ARC may not be gained as a new award from 1 July 2010. This award is superseded by the new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC).</p> <p>In April 2009, the NEC and NBOL approved the new ARTC award, which combined Advanced Resuscitation, Defibrillation, Oxygen and Suction. At that time, a planned transition strategy from ARC to ARTC was announced and clubs, branches and states will have been implementing that transition over the past 12 months.</p> <p>This transition included upgrading ARC Training Officers and Assessors</p>



	<p>with defib and suction during their annual upgrades</p> <p>In accordance with the transition strategy, ARC was to be discontinued from 1 July 2010 as a new award. Members who currently hold the award will be upgraded to the ARTC as part of their ARC proficiency test this season (See Circular 01/10-11 Proficiency Testing 10/11)</p> <p>For further background information refer to Circular 19/09-10</p>
<p>Note: Transition dates in Queensland may be different.</p>	

<b>Defibrillation Award</b>	
Currency:	Can no longer be issued after 1 July 2010
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	<p>Similar to the ARC listed above this award may not be issued as part of the SLSA Award framework from 1 July 2010. Members wishing to obtain skills in defibrillation will need to look to the new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC).</p> <p>See ARC (above) for details.</p> <p>Refer to Circular 19/09-10 for more information.</p>
<p>Note: Transition dates in Queensland may be different.</p>	

## NEW AWARDS

The following are new awards that will be introduced this year. The Silver Medallion – Advanced First Aid is a new award that will replace the Silver Medallion – Advanced Emergency Care. The ATV Operator Certificate is a new award that will replace the ATV Operator induction.

<b>Silver Medallion – Advanced First Aid</b>	
Currency:	This Award is a new award will be phased in during the 2010/11 Season depending on state timetables and trials. It will replace the current Silver Medallion Advanced Emergency Care.
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	<p>In November 2009 the National Education Committee directed that a Silver Medallion – Advanced First Aid be developed to replace the existing Silver Medallion – Advanced Emergency Care. The new award has been aligned to the industry competency HLTFA402B Apply Advanced First Aid.</p> <p>The new award, as developed, comprises four modules, three of which are reflected in existing SLSA awards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Advanced Resuscitation (existing ARTC award)</li> <li>2) Spinal Management (existing award)</li> <li>3) Pain Management (existing award)</li> <li>4) Advanced First Aid (new award to replace SM AEC)</li> </ol> <p>The SM Advanced First Aid has the flexibility to be delivered similar to the current SM AEC by using the ART, Spinal and Pain Management as pre requisites to course attendance and completing the Advanced First Aid Module as the final module. Alternatively you may consider delivering Pain Management with the Adv First Aid Module (as Pain Management is a relatively new award) or all four modules at once.</p> <p>Achievement of this award will also enable the member to be issued with the unit of competency HLTFA402B Apply Advanced First Aid.</p>
Pre-requisites:	<p>Age: The age of this award has been lifted to 18yo from 17yo as most state legislation requires those</p>



	delivering pain management to be 18 years old.
	<b>Awards:</b> Proficiency in all of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior First Aid</li> <li>• Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ARTC)</li> <li>• Spinal Management</li> <li>• Pain Management</li> </ul> Proficiency must be retained annually.
	<b>Units:</b> HLTF402B Apply Advanced First Aid
Who can train?	Facilitators of Advanced Emergency Care will be upgraded to train the Advanced First Aid Module.
Who can assess?	Facilitators of the Advanced Emergency Care will be upgraded to assess the Advanced First Aid Module

<b>ATV Operator Certificate</b>	
Currency:	New award, available from 1 October 2010. Replaces the ATV induction, which will no longer be issued after 1 October 2010.
Pre-requisites:	Age: 17
	Awards: Must be proficient in at least one SLSA award.
	Units of Competency: None
	Others: Must hold a current valid state driver's license
Proficiency:	Annual proficiency Operators with an ATV induction listed in their Surfguard profile should complete an annual proficiency as normal this season. Such members will be issued with an ATV Operators Award post 31 December 2010 (See Circular 07/10-11 for further information).
Who can train?	A current training officer (in any award) who has a current proficient ATV induction can train the award once approved by their state.
Who can assess?	Members approved by their state as ATV Trainers will also be able to assess the ATV Operators Award. This may change next season.
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	<p>This is a new award and will replace the current ATV induction.</p> <p>This new award was requested by the National Education Committee and the National Board of Lifesaving in response to a growing concern over the use of ATVs – both within and external to the lifesaving movement. The existing induction was not seen as sufficient for an organisation that prides itself on safety.</p> <p>At this stage there is no unit of competency associated with this award, though a unit may be aligned following endorsement of the national Public Safety Training Package version 8.</p>



## AWARDS WITH CHANGES OR OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The following awards are existing awards that are changing in some way over the coming 12 months, or will be affected in some way by changes to other awards.

<b>Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC)</b>	
Currency:	Current. Replaces ARC completely from 1 July 2010. Combines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Resuscitation</li> <li>• Defibrillation</li> <li>• Oxygen</li> <li>• Suction</li> </ul>
Pre-requisites:	Age: 15 on the date of assessment
	Awards: One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronze Medallion, or</li> <li>• Basic Emergency Care Certificate, or</li> <li>• Senior First Aid Certificate</li> </ul>
	Units of Competency: PUAEME001B – Provide emergency care Plus one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HLTCPR201A – Perform CPR</li> <li>• HLTF201A – Perform basic emergency life support</li> <li>• HLTF301B – Apply first aid</li> </ul>
	Others:
Proficiency:	Annual proficiency.
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	Replaces ARC from 1 July 2010. In line with the transition arrangements announced in Circular 19/09-10, all those ARC holders who completed a 2010 proficiency that includes defibrillation and suction will be awarded the ARTC post 31 Dec 2010. At the NEC meeting of 7 July 2010, the NEC resolved that the unit of competency HTLTCPR201A Perform CPR will be issued with the ARTC to those members who do not already hold it.
Note: Transition dates in Queensland may be different.	

<b>Silver Medallion – Advanced Emergency Care</b>	
Currency:	This award will still be available in season 2010/2011 for those state currently still delivering the course. It will be phased out in 2011 and will no longer be available from 1 July 2011. See the item above for Silver Medallion – Advanced First Aid for more information. SM-AEC will be replaced by the Silver Medallion – Advanced First Aid for season 2011/2012.
Pre-requisites:	Age: 17
	Awards: All of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Resuscitation Certificate or Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate</li> <li>• Senior First Aid</li> <li>• Spinal Management</li> </ul>
	Units of: Nil



	Competency:
	Others:
Proficiency:	Annual Proficiency. No proficiencies can be done after the expiry of the award and upgrade arrangement will be detailed in the proficiency circular for the 2011/12 season.
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	No change to award. However, it is being phased out in favour of the Silver Medallion – Advanced First Aid, and is likely to be obsolete from 1 July 2011.

<b>Gold Medallion – Advanced Lifesaving</b>	
Currency:	Current
Pre-requisites:	Age: 17
	Awards: All of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronze Medallion</li> <li>• Senior First Aid</li> <li>• Silver Medallion – Basic Beach Management</li> <li>• Pre-requisite awards for the Silver Medallion – Advanced Emergency Care being:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ARC or ART</li> <li>○ Defibrillation or ART</li> <li>○ Spinal Management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Units of Competency: None
	Others: None
Summary of changes to this award since 1 July 2009:	With the phase out of the Silver Medallion Advanced Emergency Care in 2011, and the introduction of Silver Medallion Advanced First Aid, the pre requisites for the Gold Medallion have been altered this season, and are listed above. Please note that the actual Silver Medallion Advanced Emergency Care award is not a pre requisite for the Gold Medallion, only its pre-requisite awards.

### Further information

For further information please contact your State Education Manager or Craig Delahoy at [cdelahoy@slsa.asn.au](mailto:cdelahoy@slsa.asn.au)

See also the SLSA syllabus documents on the SLSA website ([www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au)) that are updated from time to time with details of award requirements.

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