



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Chief Training Officers, Club Captains, Club Secretaries, Club Presidents CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC
FROM:	Director Education
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SUBJECT:	Award Assessment Planning Season 2025/26
OVERVIEW:	Surf Life Saving Sydney is committed to communicating with Clubs and ensuring that there is flexibility in relation to the setting of dates for new award assessments.

Club Chief Training Officers are to liaise with their relevant Area Education Coordinator to discuss and plan for **all** new award assessment dates for season 2025/26. Note that some Councils will require formal notification of Education and Training activities on your beaches.

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The appointment of Assessors and assessment dates is the responsibility of the Area Education Coordinators. Clubs should not appoint Assessors or arrange their own assessor or assessment dates for any new awards.

Award	Action Required	With
BM / SRC	Set dates for Dry and Water Assessments with Area Education Coordinator	Area Education Coordinator
Radio & Resuscitation	Dates negotiated with Area Education Coordinator	Area Education Coordinator

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Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Dates negotiated with Area Education Coordinator	Area Education Coordinator
SMIRB Driver & IRB Crew	Dates negotiated with Area Education Coordinator	Area Education Coordinator
ORB/RWC Awards	Dates negotiated with RWC & ORB Coordinator via Branch office	Branch will appoint Assessors/Facilitators via Branch Office
First Aid – Provided by Australian Lifesaving Academy	Clubs can contact SLSNSW direct and organise courses with SLSNSW	SLSNSW
First Aid – volunteer delivered	Dates negotiated with volunteer First Aid Facilitators	Branch Office
SMPC/Gold Medallion/ SMAR Courses	Dates will be communicated by Branch. Refer to our website https://sls.sydney/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Facilitated-Course-Dates-Season-2025-2026-DATES-FOR-CLUBS-WEBSITE-V2.pdf Any special additional dates must be negotiated with Director of Education	Director of Education
Trainers & Assessors Courses	As set by SLSNSW	Branch will communicate available courses to Club CTOs and Branch waiting list candidates as courses are opened for EOI

The Area Education Coordinator will compile the negotiated Assessment dates and send link to the file to Branch office E: lifesaving@sls.sydney

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