



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers CC: BOM, EC, LSRSC, SSC, Y&JDC, MS
FROM:	Director Education
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SUBJECT:	Award Assessment Planning Season 2026-27
OVERVIEW:	Surf Life Saving Sydney (SLS 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 2026-27. 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 do not appoint Assessors or arrange their own assessor or assessment dates for any new awards assessments.

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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
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	Clubs can contact SLSNSW direct and organise courses with SLSNSW OR REQUEST Volunteer Facilitated First Aid Course through the Branch	SLSNSW online booking request form for a First Aid course SLSS Branch
SMPC/Gold Medallion/ SMAR Courses	Dates will be communicated by Branch. Any special additional dates must be negotiated with Director of Education	Director of Education Refer Facilitated Course Calendar Season 2026-27
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: education@sls.sydney by **Friday 28 August 2026**.

Regards and thank you

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