

Federal Instruction Summary

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Life Saving Badge Qualifications

1.0 Intention

- 1.1 The intention of this Instruction is to update the regulations and qualifications governing the issue of Life Saving Class 3, 2 and 1 badges issued throughout the Australian Air League and introduces a Life Saving Awareness Badge and Life Saving Instructor Badge.
- 1.2 The criteria for issuing Life Saving Badges throughout the Australian Air League was last reviewed in 1983 by F/Fl/1/83. Some of the qualifications relevant to the issue of Life Saving Badges have been amended since that time by the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (RLSSA) and Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA).
- 1.3 This Instruction supersedes all previous Instructions and Circulars on the issuing and qualifications relating to Life Saving Badges within the League. Consequently, F/Fl/1/83 is withdrawn and replaced by this Instruction.
- 1.4 The complete Life Saving syllabus relevant to the issue and qualifications of Life Saving Badges by the Australian Air League will continue to be based on the RLSSA publication "Swimming and Lifesaving". The fourth edition was last published in 2001.
- 1.5 No Group is permitted to issue Life Saving badges in recognition of other than the qualifications listed in this Instruction, unless written approval has been given by the Federal Field Commissioner.

2.0 General

- 2.1 Life Saving badges will be issued to members who obtain the relevant qualifications as set out in this Instruction. Members must bear in mind the prerequisite that a set standard of resuscitation is included in most categories of the Life Saving badge. The ability of a member to swim is only a part of the overall qualification criteria.
- 2.2 No member of the Australian Air League is permitted to instruct Life Saving unless they possess the relevant qualification issued by the RLSSA or SLSA and satisfy the criteria laid down in paragraph 3.5.1 of this Instruction. Such qualification must first be produced to the Group Physical Activities Commissioner / Officer or if not appointed, the Group Field Commissioner / Officer prior to members being instructed.

3.0 Life Saving Badge Qualifications

3.1 Life Saving Awareness Badge [Green Badge]

- 3.1.1 Required qualification - (RLSSA) Dry Rescue Award. In order for members to qualify for the issue of this badge, the criteria for the award of a Dry Rescue must be met as set out at page 142 of the RLSSA "Swimming and Lifesaving" publication (4th Edition) or equivalent award issued by SLSA.

3.2 Life Saving Badge Class 3 [Red Badge]

- 3.2.1** Required qualification - (RLSSA) Wade Rescue Award. In order for members to qualify for the issue of this badge, the criteria for the award of a Wade Rescue must be met as set out at page 143 of the RLSSA "Swimming and Lifesaving" publication (4th Edition) or equivalent award issued by SLSA.

3.3 Life Saving Badge Class 2 [White Badge]

- 3.3.1** Required qualification - (RLSSA) Accompanied Rescue Award. In order for members to qualify for the issue of this badge, the criteria for the award of an Accompanied Rescue must be met as set out at page 144 of the RLSSA "Swimming and Lifesaving" publication (4th Edition) or equivalent award issued by SLSA.

3.4 Life Saving Badge Class 1 [Blue Badge]

- 3.4.1** Required qualification - (RLSSA) Bronze Medallion Award. In order for members to qualify for the issue of this badge, the criteria for the award of a Bronze Medallion must be met as set out at page 147 of the RLSSA "Swimming and Lifesaving" publication (4th Edition) or equivalent award issued by SLSA.

3.5 Life Saving Instructor Badge [Refer Fig. 1]

- 3.5.1** Required qualification – (RLSSA) Instructor Award. In order for members to qualify for the issue of this badge, the criteria for the award of Instructor must be met as set out at page 154 of the RLSSA "Swimming and Lifesaving" publication (4th Edition) or equivalent award issued by SLSA.



4.0 Procedure for Application of Life Saving Badges

- 4.1** Members must supply evidence from the RLSSA of having satisfied the qualification criteria relevant to the badge being applied for. A valid certificate issued by the RLSSA or SLSA equivalent is considered sufficient evidence.

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- 4.2** Applications must be made on a Form 28 and forwarded with the original or a valid copy of the certificate issued by the RLSSA or SLSA equivalent to the badge being applied for.
- 4.3** The Form 28 must be sent to the Group Physical Activities Commissioner / Officer or if not appointed, the Group Field Commissioner / Officer.
- 4.4** On receipt of the Form 28, the issuing Commissioner / Officer will endorse that the correct information has been supplied relevant to the badge being applied for and issue the authority card accordingly.

5.0 Badge Position

- 5.1** The position for the Life Saving badge shall be in accordance with Section 17 of the Australian Air League Manual.

6.0 Instructor Points

- 6.1** Instructor points for Life Saving badges will be awarded on the following basis:

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| Life Saving Awareness Badge | 5 points |
| Life Saving Class 3 Badge | 10 points |
| Life Saving Class 2 Badge | 15 points |
| Life Saving Class 1 Badge | 20 points |

7.0 Conclusion

- 7.1** Any Squadron which intends to encourage their members to obtain a Life Saving badge should obtain a copy of the "Swimming and Lifesaving" publication (4th Edition) from the RLSSA. This publication describes in more detail the required criteria for members to gain the relevant Life Saving badge provided for in this Instruction.
- 7.2** Whilst this Instruction primarily relies on the criteria set by the RLSSA for the award of Life Saving badges, it is recognised that members may obtain equivalent qualifications from Surf Lifesaving Australia (SLSA). In such cases, it is incumbent on the member to supply evidence issued by SLSA relevant to the Life Saving badge being applied for and demonstrate the linkage between SLSA award and the RLSSA award.



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