

# Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Application Form

## Generic Application

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) is committed to member education and enabling lifeguards to achieve recognised qualifications within New Zealand. The following outlines the process to apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for various SLSNZ Awards.

### **What is RPL?**

Recognition of prior learning describes a process used to evaluate skills and knowledge gained. These skills and knowledge are then evaluated against a set of standards or learning objectives. To be granted RPL, you need to collect and present evidence that clearly demonstrates you have met or exceeded the requirements of all the learning outcomes on the SLSNZ course or award.

### **What kind of evidence is required?**

Evidence for assessment may come from:

- Recognised proven achievements outside formal learning.
- Achievement gained through a formal learning programme

Your evidence may come from a variety of sources, which may include:

- Existing qualifications or parts of qualifications.
- Documentation of observations of your performance and competence.
- References and testimonials from recognised educators/assessors.
- Verified testimonies of your experience.

The evidence should be concise and arranged systematically in a portfolio so the assessor can easily see the match between your evidence and the SLSNZ learning outcomes. The onus is on the applicant to present all necessary evidence. To protect the credibility of SLSNZ and in fairness to those who complete the full SLSNZ course, your application will initially be declined if insufficient evidence is submitted.

The evidence you provide must:

- Be verifiable as your own work.
- Be related to the SLSNZ courses/awards you are seeking recognition for.
- Demonstrate what you know, understand and are able to do now, not what you were able to do three or more years ago.

### **Who will assess the evidence and how will it be assessed?**

SLSNZ will evaluate your application, undertake any necessary checks and communicate the result to you. Checks may include:

- Personal interview
- Checking authenticity of information supplied
- Contacting a nominated referee/s
- Endorsement by your club and/or region
- Requesting completion of an appropriate assessment task
- Observation of your performance and competence.

### What are the outcomes of the process?

The assessor must be confident you are able to meet or exceed all of the requirements of the learning outcomes for the SLSNZ course/award. The assessor may decide:

1. Your evidence meets all requirements and SLSNZ will issue the Award.
2. Your evidence meets some, but not all of the requirements. Further evidence may be required and/or you may be asked to complete an assessment task in order to demonstrate competency in the areas where your evidence does not cover, or does not meet, the requirements.
3. Your evidence does not meet the requirements and the assessor recommends you enrol in all or part of a SLSNZ course.

## Applicant Details

All applications for lifesaving and sports awards will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Final approval of RPL remains solely at the discretion of SLSNZ. Please ensure you meet all the RPL requirements and have all the required information before submitting this application.

### A. Personal Details

Name	_____	Club	_____
Email	_____	Cell Phone	_____
Membership #	_____	Age	_____

### B. Qualification RPL

Please select the relevant course/award you are seeking RPL for;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rock Rescue & Training Module           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Instructors Training Course             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Lifeguard Award – Patrol Captain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | First Aid Level 1                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | First Aid Level 2                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | First Aid Level 3                       |

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rescue Water Craft Operators Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructors Award – Rescue Water Craft
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surf Official Level 1 Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surf Official Level 2 Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surf Official Level 3 Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Surf Coaching Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Developing Surf Coach Award
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitive Surf Coach Award

### C. Qualification RPL pre-requisites

All awards will have different pre-requisites. The pre-requisites for all our awards can be found on our website and you must hold these pre-requisites to gain the award.

<https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/>

Please tick all of the below that you currently either hold, have clear evidence of, and is applicable to the award/s being applied for.

Number of years active patrol experience .....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Current member of a SLS Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surf Lifeguard Award (refreshed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	IRB Crewperson Module
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Lifeguard Award – IRB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructors Award – Surf Lifeguard
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructors Award - IRB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated competency and knowledge of local beach, local drifts/currents and swells
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine VHF Operators Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid Level 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid Level 2



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Surf Official Level 1 Award         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Surf Official Level 2 Award         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Introduction to Surf Coaching Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Developing Surf Coach Award         |

## **D. Personal Statement**

Please detail your teaching and/or practical experience relevant to the award/s being applied for:

## E. Verified Testimony of demonstrated competence

The following section must be completed by a current SLSNZ member who holds one or more of the following;

- Refreshed Surf Lifeguard Examiner
- Refreshed IRB Examiner
- Current Surf Official Level 2 (for Surf Official Level 1 verification only)
- SLSNZ approved Rock Instructor Assessor (for Rock Award verification only)
- Performance Surf Coach Award & current coach

The person verifying this testimony must detail the relevant experience and competence of the applicant in:

- Instruction and teaching relevant to the award/s being applied for (if applying for instructors award)
- Practical experience, competence and demonstrated skills relevant to the award/s being applied for

If there is more than one award being applied for in this application, you may require more than one verifier. In some cases, it may be easier to provide a separate application per award you are applying for.

Assessor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor Qualification (Please tick)

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Refreshed Surf Lifeguard Examiner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Refreshed IRB Examiner            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Refreshed RWC Examiner            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Surf Official Level 2     |



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Performance Surf Coach Award

Please detail:

## F. Declaration

SLSNZ will consider this information in their assessment. SLSNZ considers that the information supplied in this application is a true and accurate declaration by the applicant and their supporting club. Any false information given could result in the cancellation of this award by SLSNZ.

The onus is on the applicant to gather all the necessary evidence for the application. All the award/course standards and competencies can be found on the SLSNZ website.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant) verify the details submitted with this application are correct and I understand the SLSNZ RPL requirements. I give SLSNZ permission to contact any person, organisation, agency listed in this application or other agencies SLSNZ deems necessary to verify the authenticity and/or details which I have freely submitted.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your completed application form and supporting material via email to:

[member.education@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:member.education@surflifesaving.org.nz)