



Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Application Form

Rock Instructors Award

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 gain recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the SLSNZ Rock Instructors Award.

What is RPL?

Recognition of prior learning describes a process used to evaluate skills and knowledge gained. These skills and knowledge are then recognised 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 Rock Instructors Training 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/award you are seeking credit 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
- Endorsement by your club
- 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

Those leading, managing and instructing any rock activities must hold the SLSNZ Rock Instructors Award. Rock Instructor Awards may be awarded by SLSNZ to individuals that have successfully demonstrated their competency to the standards required by SLSNZ in one of the following manners;

- a) attendance at an approved SLSNZ Rock Instructors Course, or
- b) **applied to SLSNZ for, and received recognition of prior learning (RPL)** or
- c) demonstrated their competency during an onsite club rock activity assessment, which must be assessed by an approved SLSNZ Rock Instructor Assessor

This application relates to point b) above. All applications for this award 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 #	_____		



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I _____ (applicant) verify the details submitted with this application are correct and I understand the SLSNZ RPL requirements.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Important Notice:

SLSNZ will consider this information in their assessment. SLSNZ consider that the information supplied 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.

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

member.education@surflifesaving.org.nz