

Q: I was due to refresh my first aid award just before Covid, can I still refresh to stay current or do I need to redo my last course or all of my courses?

- *The grace period has reverted back to three months by Toitu Te Waiora in consultation with the First Aid and Emergency Care sector. After two years and three months, if you have not refreshed your award, you will have to redo the full version of your award.*

Other examples:

Bob's refresher was due by April 2023 – he has until the end of July 2023 to complete the refresher course. If Bob does not refresh by the end of July 2023 he will need to re-sit all the courses that he has completed again ie: if Bob has done up to Advanced Surf First Aid he will need to re-sit a full Surf First Aid and a full Advanced Surf First Aid to regain his currency.

Eva's Surf First Aid refresher is due by August 2023, she has until the end November 2023 to complete the refresher course. If Eva does not complete the refresher by this time, she will need to redo the full Surf First Aid program.

Q: I work in a job that first aid is a core skill I must have ie: Police, Fire services, Ambulance, do I have start at Surf First Aid? And who do I contact to find out?

- *If you believe your current first aid qualification is equivalent or higher than the standard required to be recognised by SLSNZ, you can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). The application form for this can be found here: https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/988585/generic_rpl_application-form_nov_19.docx*
- *You can find out more detail about the required SLSNZ standard here: www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/995755/slsnz-first-aid-training-info-for-clubs_2022*

Q: One of our members has done their surf First Aid certificates in the UK or Australia – do they have to re-sit all of SLSNZ first aid courses? – and who can I contact to find out?

- *Maybe. SLSNZ recognises some international lifesaving qualifications as equivalent to Surf First Aid and Advanced Surf First Aid*
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Q: I have done an external Work Place First Aid course do I have to do the full SLSNZ Surf First Aid?

- *If you have done a workplace first aid course at an external provider and have a certificate showing the Unit Standards 6400, 6401, 6402 then you can submit this to membereducation@surflifesaving.org.nz and you could be awarded your Comprehensive First Aid Award. You will then be able to complete the Surf First Aid Module on the SLSNZ Learning Management System and subsequently be assessed by a SLSNZ authorized First Aid Assessor to be awarded with Surf First Aid*
- *Authorised assessors for Surf First Aid can be found here: <https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/995658/accredited-assessors-for-website>*

Q: How do I get my NZQA Unit Standard credits registered for completion of SLSNZ First Aid level 1 and what are they?

- *NZQA Unit Standards assessed for US 6400, 6401, 6402 can be registered on completion of SLSNZ Surf First Aid if a SLSNZ Member provides their NZQA (NSN) number at the time they do the course. If for some reason you do not have your NZQA (NSN) number on the day – you can contact your administrator or first aid provider and arrange to have this done. More information is available on the SLSNZ website: www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/995755/slsnz-first-aid-training-info-for-clubs_2022*

Q: How do I check if my SLSNZ records have been updated? – who do I contact?

- *You can check your SLSNZ award details via the Member Portal: <https://webportal.surflifesaving.org.nz/>*
- *If you have trouble logging in, or you feel there is an error with your records, you can contact the Education Team via member.education@surflifesaving.org.nz*

Q: My employer wants to know if my SLSNZ levels (ie: Surf First Aid and Advanced Surf First Aid) are equivalent to a Work Place First Aid – are they?

- *The competencies covered in SLSNZ Surf First Aid are more than equivalent to a full Work Place First Aid (WPFA) level 1 and level 2. SLSNZ Members can get NZQA Unit Standards assessed for US 6400, 6401, 6402 if they provide their NZQA (NSN) number at the time they do the course. The SLSNZ Surf First Aid course covers more than a normal level 1 or level 2 WPFA as it covers Oxygen and AED as well!*