



Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Application Form

International Application

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

International lifeguards may apply for RPL for the SLSNZ awards that are listed on our website. Please check this link prior to submitting an application www.surflifesaving.org.nz/lifesaving/lifeguard-education/recognition-of-prior-learning-rpl.

If you hold international qualifications that are not listed above they may or may not be able to be recognised and we need additional information regarding the international awards you hold. Please email member.education@surflifesaving.org.nz listing your awards for further information prior to completing an RPL application.

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 – copies or photos of certificates and awards from international lifesaving organisations are the preferred method for international RPL
- 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	_____	Country	_____
Email	_____	Phone	_____
Age	_____		

Currently residing in New Zealand: Yes No (Please circle)



B. Qualification RPL

Please select the relevant awards you are seeking RPL for;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Surf Lifeguard Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | IRB Crewperson Module |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Lifeguard Award – IRB Drivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Surf First Aid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Advanced Surf First Aid |

C. Qualification RPL pre-requisites

All awards will have different pre-requisites. The pre-requisites for all our awards can be found on the Lifesaving tab of our website:

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

D. Personal Statement

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



E. 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. 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 or agency listed in this application 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