



Title:	Expressions of Interest Flood Rescue Responder Course
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Department:	Public Safety & Emergency Management
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Summary:	Surf Life Saving Queensland is now calling for expressions of interest from members who wish to participate in the Flood Rescue Responder Course.
Date:	7 October 2026

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified members to participate in upcoming Flood Rescue Responder and Flood Boat Operator courses.

These courses form part of SLSQ's emergency response capability, ensuring our organisation is prepared to assist communities during flood water emergencies. Participants will develop specialised skills in flood rescue operations, boat handling, and responder safety, contributing to a vital capability within our organisation.

Available Courses

- Flood Rescue Responder – Hobart, Tasmania**
 Designed to equip members to identify their limitations and safely and effectively use appropriate water rescue equipment, whilst operating near or in non to slow-moving water appropriate to the limits of a non-buoyant rescuer. Travel and accommodation will be provided by SLSQ.
- Flood Boat Operator – Hobart, Tasmania**
 Provides advanced training for members to operate flood rescue boats, including vessel handling, crew management, and operational deployment in dynamic conditions. Travel and accommodation will be provided by SLSQ.

Course Pre-Requisites

Flood Rescue Responder all members must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age prior to commencing the practical component of the course.
- Hold a proficient Bronze Medallion.
- Hold a current HLTAID011 Provide First Aid.
- Have completed the online Water and Flood Awareness course and Flood Rescue Responder modules through SLSA's eLearning (prior to course, details will be provided to successful applicants).

Flood Boat Operator, all members must, in addition to the above:

- Hold a current Silver Medallion IRB Driver
- Hold a current Recreational Boat License (or equivalent as per state requirements)

Availability

The availability of trained flood rescue responders is essential to ensure an effective response during flood emergencies. Queensland's severe weather season traditionally begins on 1 November and continues through to 30 April each year. Maintaining a ready and capable team during this period is critical to community safety and operational success. Members expressing their interest are required to confirm their availability for deployment as a trained Flood Rescue Responder during Queensland's severe weather season which will be considered when selecting participants.

Course Dates

Course 1 – Monday, 9th – Wednesday 11th November 2026 (*travel may be required Sunday 8th & Thursday 12th Nov*)

Course 2 – Friday, 13th – Sunday, 15th November 2026 (*travel may be required on Thursday 12th & Monday 16th Nov*)

*Participants **must** be available for travel either side of the course dates.*

Expression of Interest Process

Interested members are invited to submit an EOI by clicking 'Apply Here' no later than **5pm, Sunday 18th October 2026**.

[APPLY HERE](#)

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by COB Tuesday, 20th October 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact disaster@lifesaving.com.au

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