

Title:	Drone Trainer Expression of Interest
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Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified members to undertake Drone Trainer roles supporting the **Club Program** for the 2026/27 season.

Club Drone Program Trainers play a key role in developing club-based drone capability, ensuring members are trained to safely and effectively operate UAVs to support patrol operations and coastal surveillance.

The availability of qualified Drone Trainers is essential to support the delivery of the Club Drone Program across Queensland. Members expressing interest must:

- Be available to support training within their club and branch
- Be willing to assist with club-based training activities throughout the season

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must:

- Be a current financial member of SLSQ
- TAESS00029 – Volunteer Trainer Delivery Skill Set (or equivalent) AND TAESS00019 – Assessor skill set (or equivalent), OR TAE40122 (or TAE40116, or TAE40110) – Cert IV in Training and Assessment
- Hold the Drone Operator Award
- **Hold a RePL sub 7kg (minimum qualification, or ability to obtain)**
- Have a minimum of 20 hours flying drones **(Desirable)**

As a part of this EOI process we will be offering selected members places on a SLSQ funded RePL Course. Members wishing to undertake this course must be available for the RePL course dates run by our training partner Uncrewed Aviation Australia. This course runs during the week and includes 2 days online theory and 2 days face to face practical run at central training locations across the state. Members will be expected to finish and pass this course, if not completed members will be expected to pay back the cost of the course.

Further information about this course including training dates can be found here:

Expert un-crewed RPAS and Drone Training Nationwide. - Uncrewed Aviation Australia

Education will be running Trainer and Assessor courses over the next few months. Members who do not yet have their Trainer and assessor qualifications can find information about dates below and further information can be found by contacting tae@lifesaving.com.au.

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Trainer, Assessor Training Dates

Trainer Skill set dates:

Trainers Skill Set - 14 & 15 November - Wide Bay (Bundaberg)
Trainers Skill Set - 21 & 22 November - Point Danger (Currumbin)
Trainers Skill Set - 5 & 6 December - Sunshine Coast (Mooloolaba)
Trainer Skill Set - 6 & 7 February - South Coast Branch (Mermaid Beach)

Assessor Skill Set - SLSQ South Coast, Mermaid Beach QLD (WEEKEND)

Week 1: Friday 27 November - Sunday 29 November
Week 2: Friday 18 December - Sunday 20 December

Expression of Interest Process

Interested members are invited to submit an EOI here:

Expression of Interest - QLD DRONE FACILITATOR .

All applications must be submitted no later than:

- **5:00pm, Friday 4th December 2026**

Successful applicants will be notified of the outcome following the closing date.

Once you have completed the course you will need to follow the below steps to become an endorsed trainer.

How to Become a Drone Trainer:

1. To become an SLSQ Drone Trainer please complete the application form
2. Be endorsed by relevant EATS and State Drone Advisor.
3. Undertake at least two courses under probation (at least one observing and one delivering a full induction). This must be recorded in the Endorsed Delegate Probationary Observation Form.
4. Once Observation forms are complete after each course send to education@lifesaving.com.au
5. Once trainer has completed two probationary courses, they will be qualified to take Drone Operator Courses solo.

QLD DRONE FACILITATOR PROCESS - Training Operations Manual - 1

Any questions please contact:

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