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Title:	New & Existing Officials Information
Department:	Surf Sports
Audience:	New & Existing Officials
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General Information

Surf Sports Officials education is delivered through a combination of online and practical 'Face to Face' learning. Successful members who complete all components will be eligible for accreditation as a Technical Official.

It's important that members understand the level of commitment required and aim to complete all learning and assessment components **within 12 months** of commencement.

At the completion of the accreditation process you will:

- Understand the role, legal obligations and ethical responsibilities of officials.
- Be prepared for the requirements of officiating.
- Able to identify officiating philosophies and approaches appropriate to participants in the Learn and Participate Phases of development.
- Understand the rules of surf sport competition.
- Understand the roles of identified officials in junior surf sport competition environments.
- Capable to manage the risks of officiating in Beach, Ocean, Pool Rescue, IRB, Surf Boats, R and R, March Past, Surf Rescue and Board Riding competition, and abide by the legal responsibilities expected of a Technical Official.
- Able to use a range of communication strategies to develop effective relationships, minimise conflict, and deal with disputes effectively.
- Display professionalism, integrity and ethical conduct in specified officiating roles.
- Review their own performance after a competition.

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Becoming an Official

1. Registration via Your Club:

Interested members must register via their Club. Once membership and prerequisites are confirmed (including a valid Blue Card), Clubs can lodge registrations via this link:

[New Official Expression of Interest](#)

It is very important that the registered members contact details are up to date on Surfguard as these details will be used to communicate with the members throughout this process.

Prerequisites:

- Valid Blue Card
- Completed the SLSQ Child Safe Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Course

2. Online Learning:

Accessing the Online Modules

- Log into the SLS Hub(*previously known as Members Portal*) - [SLS Hub - Dashboard](#)
- Select Applications
- Select eLearning
- Select Login to eLearning
- Select Officiating Courses
- Select SLS - Technical Official
- Pay \$10.00 to enrol and complete **ALL** 5 modules below:
 1. Australian Sports Commissions Community Officiating Essential Skills
 2. Being a Technical Official
 3. Technical Official in Action (Marshall/Check Marshall)
 4. Technical Official in Action (Starter/Check Starter)
 5. Technical Official in Action (Timekeeper, Finish Judge, Recorder)

Upon completion, upload your certificates here: [TECHNICAL OFFICIAL ONLINE LEARNING EVIDENCE](#)

If you require technical assistance with the Members Area or with the online training process, consult the SLSA eLearning User Guide available on the SLSA IT Helpdesk website

<https://help.sls.com.au/>

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3. Face-to-Face Induction Workshop

After completing the online learning and submitting certificates, you will be required to attend a Face-to-Face Induction Workshop. This session must be completed **before** attending two (2) allocated 'on the job' assessment carnivals or as otherwise deemed necessary by the Officials Assessor.

When registering for attendance at one of the face-to-face induction workshops, you will also be asked to advise of your shirt size for inclusion in your New Officials Kit.

Registration for attendance at one of the face-to-face 'induction' workshops must be completed.

Proposed Induction Dates for the 2025–26 Season (*final dates & locations TBC*):

- September 13 - TBA
- September 27 – Branch Office Mooloolaba
- October 18 – Maroochydore SLSC
- November 8 – Sunshine Beach SLSC
- November 22 – TBA

4. On the Job Assessment

The on-the-job training and assessment will be undertaken over a minimum of two allocated assessment carnivals or as otherwise deemed competent by the Officials Assessor.

The Branch and State Officials Liaison Officer will liaise with all trainee officials that reach this stage about the allocated assessment carnivals.

Members have 12 months to complete this phase of accreditation.

All the very best with your online learning and if you have any questions during the process, please don't hesitate to contact your Club Official Liaison Officer.

Yours in Life Saving,

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