



Queensland

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1. I can't swim / I am not confident in the water, can I still volunteer?

There are many opportunities to be involved in patrolling at a beach that can be completed without going into the water:

- **Radio operator.**
- **First Aid Officer.**
- **Observer.**
- **CPR.**

2. How often do I need to volunteer? Will it take up a lot of time?

Most patrol rosters are set up to be on duty every **3-4 weeks** depending on the time of year. These are voluntary duties, and you can always look to change patrol rosters with other members.

3. How are my volunteer hours allocated? Is there a roster and is it flexible around my work commitments?

Each Club has a roster of patrol groups and generally, the patrol is no longer than **4 ½ hours every 3-4 weeks**. Patrols can be swapped with other members if you are unavailable.

4. Do I need to volunteer all year round?

No, the patrol season runs for just over 7 months.

5. I don't live near the coast, can I still volunteer?

As long as you are willing to travel for your rostered duties that is all that is required. For example, we have a significant number of members that live in **Brisbane** and travel to the Gold Coast or Sunshine Coast.

6. If I do a course, how much does that cost? Is that done through

Once you are a member of a surf club, most courses associated with your chosen activity are free (e.g. a patrolling member will not need to pay for a first aid course).

7. Do you need any qualifications to volunteer?

No qualifications are required as all training will be provided by your Club or SLSQ. Any existing skills or qualifications may be considered by your Club and shorten training time.

8. Where can I do the training sessions if I want to do a water role?

Some Clubs offer training sessions to their members or have agreements with local pools to assist with your member training requirements.

9. How do I start the process of joining?

Provide your information to us via **SLSQs Join the Club** initiative and we can start this process for you. Alternately, if you know what Club you would like to join already, head to their website or give them a call. If you want to be an active patrolling member you will need to apply for a voluntary Blue Card if you don't hold one already.

10. Do I need a blue card to volunteer?

Yes, only if you will be patrolling, or undertaking any duties which will include managing and controlling underage children, like being an Age Manager or working on the Club Board.

11. Can families with children join?

Yes, please check with your preferred Club, as many have a family discounted joining fee.

12. Can I join and volunteer if I am under 18?

Yes, patrolling awards start at 13 years of age. Any minor will require parental/guardian approval to join a Club.

13. Are there any age restrictions?

There are specific age requirements for some components of lifesaving such as nippers (minimum 5 years of age) and awards (e.g. minimum 13 years of age to obtain a Surf Rescue certificate, minimum 15 years of age to obtain Bronze Medallion). With the exception of a minimum age, members can for the most part complete their desired activities so long as they can meet the requirements of the role.

For any more information or queries please reach out to: member@lifesaving.com.au or call us on (07) 3846 8000