

# OBSERVERS AWARD

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## COURSE AIM

The aim of the Observers course is to develop your knowledge of surf awareness and skills which will enable you to be able to read the surf, identify potential risks and hazards in the surf, and identify persons in difficulty in the surf.

**It is recommended for SLS members who wish to:**

Perform in the role of an Age Manager

Be an award member on patrol and assist with patient recognition and care

## SURF LIFE SAVING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**To commence training for the Observers Award you must:**

- Be a financial member of as SLS club
- At least 13 years of age on the date of final assessment

**You will also need an everyday standard of language, literacy and numeracy skills to be able to:**

- Follow written, verbal and visual instructions
- Read and interpret a range of signs and symbols
- Read and interpret written information
- Make basic mathematical calculations to carry out everyday activities
- Keep accurate written records.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

**By the end of this course, you should be able to:**

- Understand the role of SLS as a workplace
- Have an awareness of Mental Health
- Apply knowledge of the surf environment including hazards and surf conditions
- Recognise someone in difficulty in the surf
- Use verbal and non-verbal communicate including using signals

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the online learning go to [Members area](#) click on eLearning in the training library select SLS Aquatic Rescue – SLS Observers Award and select enrol.
- Once you complete the online theory contact the club to arrange a practical assessment of your [signals](#)

## CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be awarded the Observers Award.

## SKILLS MAINTENANCE/PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

For this award to remain current candidates must perform an annual skills maintenance activity at a Queensland Club between 01 July and 31 December of each year.

Please note that if you gain your award after 01 July then you are not required to attend a proficiency until the following year

## PATROLLING

To patrol as an award member, that is a member does not hold proficient Bronze or SRC award, you must hold the Observers award and a minimum of one other award, e.g. Radio, First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques.

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