



SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL MEMBER AWARD SYLLABUS

SILVER MEDALLION IRB DRIVER

AWARD SUMMARY

The aim of this course is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to effectively drive and manage an Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) in surf rescue operations.

UNIT/S OF COMPETENCY

- PUA EQU001B Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
- PUASAR014A Operate and maintain a small powercraft and motor for rescue operations

These units are also part of the nationally recognised qualification PUA31312 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue)

PRE-REQUISITES

Candidates must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- be at least 16 years of age to commence training
- be at least 17 years of age on the date of final assessment
- hold and be currently proficient in:
 - Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
 - IRB Crewperson Certificate
- meet local state/NT marine licensing requirements where required

RPL AND CREDIT TRANSFER

Candidates who believe they already possess some or all of the skills and knowledge of this award, or who have received one or more of the related units of competency, may wish to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer. These candidates should consult their Training Officer or State Centre for more information.

WHO CAN TRAIN?

- Training Officer IRB, OR
- Facilitator IRB (currently endorsed as per state requirements)

NATIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- Powercraft Training Manual 8th ed
- Silver Medallion IRB Driver Learner Guide
- Silver Medallion IRB Driver Assessment Portfolio
- Silver Medallion IRB Driver Delivery and Assessment Guide
- Silver Medallion IRB Driver powerpoint



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LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of an IRB Driver, including:
 - List the duties of an IRB Driver
 - List the safety considerations when operating an IRB
 - Provide direction to an IRB Crewperson in all their operational duties
 - Communicate effectively with crewperson, the public and patients in the normal performance of duties.
- Drive an IRB
 - Identify the components of an IRB motor
 - Launch an IRB safely and efficiently
 - List motor hazards in the surf
 - Safely and efficiently negotiate the surf while driving an IRB
 - Perform emergency procedures
- Perform rescues in an IRB as a Driver
 - Perform conscious and unconscious casualty pick-ups
 - Perform complex rescue operations
 - Contribute to search and rescue operations; liaising effectively with other emergency response services as required
- Prepare and maintain an IRB motor
 - Perform pre-operational checks and preventative maintenance of the IRB motor
 - Perform post-operational maintenance of the IRB motor
 - Perform motor re-start procedure after immersion in the surf
 - Report major wear or damage according to organisational procedures

WHO CAN ASSESS?

- Assessor Silver Medallion IRB Driver, OR
- Facilitator Silver Medallion IRB Driver (currently endorsed as per state requirements)

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation and application of all elements of competency in the workplace. Participants will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios.

PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

For this award to remain current candidates must perform an annual proficiency check.