

# **SILVER MEDALLION AQUATIC RESCUE**

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## **AWARD SUMMARY**

The aim of this course is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to participate in search and rescue operations

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## **UNIT/S OF COMPETENCY**

- PUAOHS002B Maintain safety at an incident scene
- PUASAR011C Search as a member of an aquatic search team

## **PRE-REQUISITES**

Candidates must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- be at least 16 years of age on the date of final assessment
- complete a 400 metre swim in 8 minutes or less in a swimming pool of no less than 25m length
- hold and be proficient in the SLSA Bronze Medallion (and hold the Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue))

## **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.

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## **WHO CAN TRAIN?**

- Facilitator Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue  
(Currently endorsed as per state requirements)

## **NATIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES**

- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Learner Guide
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue Delivery and Assessment Guide
- Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue PowerPoint

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Contribute to preparation activities for search and rescue operations
    - Describe the principles of a SMEAC plan (Situation, Mission, Execution, Administration and logistics, Command & signals)
    - Assess the factors that influence a SMEAC plan
    - Interpret task information
    - Select appropriate search and rescue equipment
    - Describe the roles and responsibilities of individuals in a search and rescue team
  - Recognise when a rescue response is required
    - Describe scanning techniques and when to use them
    - Identify high risk profile groups
    - Describe strategies to maintain effectiveness of scanning
    - Identify distressed and drowning patients
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- Perform complex patient rescue, including search and rescue of a missing person
  - Identify hazards to self, bystanders and patient at an incident scene
  - Implement hazard control procedures at incident scene
  - Select appropriate personal protective equipment
  - Communicate incident details to relevant personnel at appropriate stages
  - Demonstrate an advanced water entry technique
  - Describe search patterns
  - Operate as a member of a search team for a submerged patient/object
  - Perform retrieval of a submerged object at a depth of 3-5 meters below the surface
  - Participate in a night search operation
- Demonstrate recovery and stand down procedures
  - Demonstrate retrieval of a patient and return to shore
  - Describe body retrieval policy and procedures
  - Complete operational documentation
  - Perform equipment recovery, cleaning and maintenance in line with organisational procedures
  - Describe symptoms of operational stress and sources of support

### **WHO CAN ASSESS?**

- Facilitator Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue  
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### **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.

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### **PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**

There is currently no proficiency requirement for this award. However, award holders will be expected to remain current through participation in annual update sessions or search and rescue exercises.