

HIGHER AWARD PATHWAY – OPEN WATERS

Course	Accredited Course?	Description	VACSWIM Employment Opportunities
Basic Water Rescues (12-13 years)	Non-Accredited	Participants will be introduced to performing rescues, identifying dangers, resuscitation, basic first aid, and water supervision skills relevant to open water environments.	Volunteer – 13+ years
Community Surf Rescue (13-15 years)	Non-Accredited	To further skills learned in the Basic Water Rescue Course, Surf Life Saving SA is offering the non-accredited Community Surf Rescue. The course provides participants with the learnings needed as they work towards gaining their Community Surf Rescue Certificate. A training hub will be available at the end of the program to any participant who is wishing to be assessed to gain their certificate.	Volunteer – 13+ years
Community Surf Rescue Certificate (13+ Years)	Accredited	The Community Surf Rescue Certificate is a half-day course suitable for anyone over the age of 13. Candidates will be taught and assessed on performing rescues, identifying dangers, resuscitation, basic first aid and supervision skills. There will also be a 100m Run, 100m Swim, 100m Run which must be performed in less than 5 minutes. The Community Surf Rescue Certificate has two Units of Competency: SISCAQU002 Basic Water Rescues and HLTAID009 Provide CPR This certificate is recognised by the Department for Education as a minimum requirement to supervise children around open water aquatic activities. This certificate needs to be updated every 12 months by completing the Community Surf Rescue Certificate Update course.	Assistant Instructor – 15+ years Instructor – 17+ years Instructor in Charge – 18+ years
Note: Training hubs are only available to those aged 13-15 years who have completed the Community Surf Rescue as an extension to the VACSWIM program.			
Surf Rescue Certificate (13+ years)	Accredited	This course provides participants with skills and knowledge of surf awareness, aquatic rescue operations and resuscitation in order to participate in lifesaving operations and act in the role of Water Safety Personnel. This course is only available for Surf Life Saving SA Members	Assistant Instructor – 15+ years Instructor – 17+ years Instructor in Charge – 18+ years