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RESCUE WATER CRAFT OPERATOR (RWC)

COURSE AIM

The aim of this course is to provide participants with advanced skills and knowledge to effectively drive and manage a Rescue Water Craft (RWC) in lifesaving operations.

PRE-REQUISITES

Candidates must meet ALL of the following conditions:

- Be at least 17 years of age to commence training
- be at least 18 years of age on the date of final assessment
- hold and be proficient in the following awards:
 - Bronze Medallion
 - A current, valid vehicle license with tow capacity

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

At course completion, you should be able to:

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of an RWC Operator, including:
 - List the duties of an RWC Operator
 - List the safety considerations when operating an RWC
 - Communicate effectively with the public and patients in the normal performance of duties.
- Operate an RWC
 - Identify the components of an RWC
 - Launch an RWC safely and efficiently
 - List hazards in the surf
 - Safely and efficiently negotiate the surf while driving an RWC
 - Perform emergency procedures
- Perform rescues
 - Perform conscious and unconscious casualty pick-ups with and without a crewperson
 - Contribute to search and rescue operations; liaising effectively with other emergency response services as required
- Prepare and maintain an RWC

- Perform pre-operational checks and preventative maintenance of the RWC and sled
- Perform post-operational maintenance of the RWC and sled
- Report major wear or damage according to organisational procedures

UNIT/S OF COMPETENCY

- PUAEQU001 Prepare, maintain and test response equipment
- PUASAR016 Operate and maintain a personal watercraft for rescue operations

NATIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

- Powercraft Training Manual (9th ed)
- RWC Learner Guide
- RWC Delivery and Assessment Guide
- RWC Operator powerpoint

PROFICIENCY AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

For the award to remain current, you must participate in an annual skills maintenance session and be assessed as proficient prior to 31 December each year. The annual skills maintenance session must meet the minimum requirements set by SLSA as well as be completed in accordance with state/ territory-based requirements and standard operating procedures.

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.

For more information on upcoming course please contact us at
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