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Summary:	Summary of new Training Requirements for Members with Blue Cards
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Surf Life Saving Queensland is committed to the safety of children and young people in our association. To this end, there are some changes to the required training for members who hold Blue Cards.

In reference to previous circulars 112.07.2021 - Child Youth Risk Management Strategy Training Requirements and 130.08.2021 - SLSA Safeguarding Children and Young People Course, SLSQ would like to clarify the training needs of members and reiterate the responsibilities of affiliated entities.

We have also created a one-page ‘Working With Children – Training Requirements for Members User Guide’ (attached) for affiliated entities to use in communication with members

UPDATE 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

- SLSA has change the name of the course from SLSA Safeguarding Children and Young People to Child Safe Awareness Course
- All members who have completed the SLSA Safeguarding Children and Young People should have the award called “Child Safe Awareness” on their member portal/surfguard

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Who has to do the training ?

All members required to hold a Blue Card as per [MS06 Blue Card Screening Policy](#) will be required to complete both courses

2. How many courses are there?

Two

3. What are the courses?

Course One – SLSQ Child Youth Risk Management Strategy

All organisations falling within the scope of the blue card system are required to develop and implement a child and youth risk management strategy (CYRMS) which addresses the eight minimum requirements.



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Course Two – SLSA Child Safe Awareness Course

As part of the *Working with Children (Risk Management and screening) Act (Qld) 2000* and the associated *Regulations*, our members need to be provided training on the following topics:

- The warning signs that a child is being groomed by a predator;
- What constitutes harm (physical, emotional, neglect etc); and
- How to respond if we become aware of harm to a child

4. How do members access the courses?

All courses are on the SLS Members Area in e-learning. Follow the instruction on the attached 'User Guide Working With Children – Training Requirements for Members'

Members must have an SLS Member Area Account to access

5. How long do the courses take?

SLSQ CYRMS : approximately 20 minutes

SLSA Child Safe Awareness Course : approximately 20-40 minutes

6. What happens once a course is complete?

The course will be added to the members awards details – the member will be able to see this via their Members Area account and Clubs will be able to see this via Surfguard

7. How often do members have to complete the courses?

All members with Blue Cards or who are applying for Blue Cards must complete both courses by the due dates

They then have to complete the training again on renewal of their Blue Card

8. What are the due dates for completion ?

31st October 2021 for both courses

Please note we have decreased the due date (as outlined in 130.08.2021) for SLSA SLSA Child Safe Awareness Course

9. Responsibilities of Affiliated Entity's

Information relating to the training is to be distributed to all relevant members. Please refer to the attached 'User Guide Working With Children – Training Requirements for Members'

Clubs are asked to add this to all relevant communications with members including but not limited to Club Newsletters, Club Social Media, Club E-Mails





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It is the responsibility of the Clubs to check all members with Blue Cards to ensure completion of the required courses.

Clubs are encouraged to ensure they have processes/policies in place for their paid staff

SLSQ in conjunction with the Branches will be carrying out compliance reviews relative to the completion of these courses.

10. Do Age Managers that are Under 18 have to do any of the courses?

Yes. SLSA has recently made a change to the prerequisites required for the Age Managers Course

ALL Candidates regardless of age and regardless if they have a blue card have to complete the SLSA Child Safe Awareness Course