

Transition to Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate

Attention: Branch Education Officers, Chief Training Officers, Trainers, Assessors, Facilitators, members who hold the ARC and/or Defibrillation awards

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Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA have released a new award called Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC) • The existing SLSA combined Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and the SLSA Defibrillation Certificate will cease to exist as a new award from 30th June 2010. • The core components of the ARTC will include oxygen airbag, Oropharyngeal (OP) Airway, defibrillation and the use of suction. • This circular details information relating to the ARTC and how it will be rolled out in SLSNSW.
Objective	To ensure that members are advised of changes to training resources
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Action	Provide quality training programs and education resources leading to external accreditation

Section 1 - Background

Over the years the use of defibrillation has become common as part of basic life support training. The Australian Resuscitation Council recommends defibrillation as part of the chain of survival and in basic life support roles.

In 2007, new industry competency standards were released for first aid and resuscitation across Australia. SLSA has since developed strategies to fall in line with these industry standards across its suite of first aid and resuscitation courses.

Part of this strategy has been to align SLSA advanced resuscitation training with the industry competency "*Apply advanced resuscitation techniques*" (HLTFA404A). The key components of this unit are the delivery of oxygen (including suction) and defibrillation.

To remain current with the industry standard for resuscitation, SLSA have combined its current SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and Defibrillation Certificate to form a new SLSA award called the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate. The unit of competency HLTFA404A will also be issued with this award.

Key actions to be taken in 2009

SLSNSW will update its existing ARC trainers and assessors, and existing Defibrillation Facilitators to ARTC by facilitating upgrade workshops. (Refer below)



ARC and Defibrillation proficiencies and awards should proceed as normal until further information is received.

If you currently hold the Defibrillation award, and wish to remain current past 2010, you should complete the ARC award this season.

Branches and/or Clubs should ensure that they have access to a defibrillation training unit and an approved suction hand pump for training purposes.

ARTC resources are currently available on the SLSA Secure Resource Library, however members should continue to use the ARC and Defibrillation resources. Once members have attended the Branch upgrade workshop (refer section 2 below), and been endorsed to deliver the ARTC, they can then use the new resources.

Section 2 – Upgrade of SLSNSW Trainers & Assessors

SLSNSW will conduct upgrade workshops for all current ARC Trainers, Assessors and Defibrillation Facilitators in each branch in order to:

1. Upgrade them to the ARTC using the upgrade workbooks provided by SLSA.
2. Endorse them to train and/or assess the ARTC

This workshop will be conducted by the SLSNSW Academy Support Officer for the branch, or their approved delegate, during the 2009/2010 season. Further information regarding the workshop in your branch will be provided directly from the Branch Education Officer.

Section 3 - Arrangements for 2010/2011

The SLSA ARC and Defibrillation awards will not be issued as stand alone awards from 1st July 2010. Members who wish to gain these skills will instead complete the ARTC.

There will be ongoing opportunities provided for members to upgrade from ARC and Defibrillation past this date should they wish to remain current.

As part of the annual proficiency testing for 2010, all ARC holders will be upgraded in the use of defibrillation and suction. These proficient ARC holders will then be automatically issued with the ARTC in SurfGuard as of the 31st December 2010.