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TO: Chief Instructors, Club Secretaries, BOLS, BOSS, ARC Trainers and Assessors and Defibrillator Assessors
FROM: Shane Daw, State Manager Joy Fisher, Academy Manager
SUBJECT: **New Award: Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate**

Background:

- Surf Life Saving Australia advised all clubs on 1st August 2009 that there would be the introduction of a new award called Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC).
- The Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and Defibrillator award encompass the core components of oxygen airbag, defibrillation and suction which make up the ARTC award.
- The existing SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and SLSA Defibrillation Certificate will cease to exist as from 30 June 2010.
- During season 2009/2010 South Australia introduced the element of suction into the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate with this included for all new awards and as part of the proficiency and update for that season.
- SLSA further conducted forums to upgrade all ARC Assessors who held the Defibrillator award to be Defibrillator Assessors. This enabled ARC and Defibrillator proficiency assessments to be conducted in-house by clubs.
- For those clubs which sent in the necessary documentation for proficiency assessments for the ARC and Defibrillation SLSA will be issuing the new Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC) to these members. Note: some clubs have put through requests on SurfGuard for ARC and Defibrillation proficiencies, but are yet to send through the necessary paperwork so this can be processed.

Actions for 2010/2011:

- **Assessors:**

Assessors of ARC and Defibrillation, as detailed in the attachment to your Club, are invited to attend a workshop to update them to undertake the new ARTC assessments. Only those who attend this forum will be accredited as Assessors of ARTC.

Note:

Assessors will not be required to attend the Training Officer forum.

All eligible Assessors who attend will receive a resource package of ARTC Training and Assessment materials.

This forum will be held 7.00pm Tuesday 13 July 2010 at the Glenelg SLSC.

RSVP to Ashlee Biddle by no later than 12 noon Friday 9 July 2010.

Contact Ashlee Biddle on 8354 6900 or email: ashlee.biddle@surfrescue.com.au .

- **Training Officers:**

All members who hold an ARC Training Officer Award, and are current in the base ARC award and hold a current Defibrillator Certificate award, as detailed in the attachment to your Club, are invited to attend an ARTC Training Officer upgrade workshop. Only those who attend this forum will be accredited as Training Officers of ARTC.

Note:

All eligible Trainers who attend will receive a resource package of ARTC Training and Assessment materials.

This forum will be held 7.00pm Thursday 15 July 2010 at the Glenelg SLSC.

RSVP to Ashlee Biddle by no later than 12 noon Friday 9 July 2010.

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New Training Officers and Assessors:

New candidates for either a Training Officer or an Assessor award in ARTC need to follow normal procedures as required for other awards. Further enquiries in relation to this can be direct to the Academy on 8354 6900.

- **New ARTC Candidates**

New ARTC candidates (including those not holding this award by 31 August) need to follow normal procedures as required for all other Club trained awards. Further enquiries should be directed to your Chief Instructor.

- **Considerations for Clubs:**

As the training for this award will be conducted in-house clubs may need to consider if they need to purchase additional Defibrillator Training units and Suction Training units.

SLSSA can access all equipment for Clubs to purchase at significantly discounted prices through Laerdal. Contact Ashlee Biddle on 8354 6900 or email: ashlee.biddle@surfrescue.com.au .

For Clubs that may have difficulties with the delivery of training for this award please contact the Academy to discuss what assistance may be provided.

- **Questions and Answers:**

1. When will I need to stop training ARC or Defibrillator Awards?

You can continue to train and assess the ARC and Defib awards up to 30 June 2010.

From 1 July 2010 you can no longer issue the stand alone SLSA ARC and SLSA Defib awards.

2. If I have my Defibrillation and ARC how do I upgrade to ARTC?

If you did not do the proficiency update for both awards you simply need to do this at your Club and you will then be issued with the ARTC award.

3. If I only have one of the awards how do I upgrade to the ARTC?

You need to liaise with your Chief Instructor and organise to do an upgrade program. Clubs will be encouraged to identify if members have one of the awards only and run programs to address the gaps for this.

For those who hold a current ARC, but not the Defibrillator award SLSSA will conduct a final Defibrillation course for people to gain this award. They will then be automatically issued with the ARTC award.

To complete the Defibrillation course, so as to attain the ARTC, proficient ARC holders can register for the Defibrillation course to be held Wednesday, 7 July 2010. Should numbers be large, then another course may be set.

Registration is to be done online - [register by clicking here now](#) or go to www.surfrescue.com.au under the Academy area.

Note: after 31 August 2010 members who have not upgraded their award to ARTC, will be required to complete the ARTC as a new award candidate.