

# Circular 1510

## First Aid – ART Holder Roll Out

**Audience:** Club Presidents, Club Directors of Administration, Club Directors of Education and Club Directors of Lifesaving.

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Summary	SLSCC is rolling out First Aid Courses (HLTAID 009, 010 and 011) to upgrade current ART (AID) and ARTC holders to the new ART award.
Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Clubs need to determine ARTC and ART (AID) holders who require the new ART award.</li><li>2. Promote the First Aid Course roll out to all appropriate members within their club.</li><li>3. Assist these members to enrol into a First Aid Course via the links in this circular.</li></ol>

### Background

The SLSA 'Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate' award has been updated several times as per its 3-year course review cycle. The SLSA 'ARTC' award introduced in 2010 and superseded in 2014 by the SLSA 'ART [AID]' award, has again been superseded by the new SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques ('ART') award released in 2021.

Members have continued patrolling with superseded 'ARTC' award in Surf Guard due to the 'ART [AID]' award's release with an acceptable number of small changes able to be addressed through the annual skills maintenance e.g., no longer cracking the oxygen cylinder.

With the release of the latest 'ART' award in 2021, there are currently three different levels of training held by 'Advanced Resuscitation Operators' on patrol and several training gaps that cannot be addressed through annual skills maintenance. To reduce the level of risk associated with the training gaps, the national Lifesaving committee and Board have agreed that all members patrolling as their Patrol Team's 'Advanced Resuscitation Operator' must have the SLSA 'ART' award on their SurfGuard Records by the end of June 2024.

### What ART and ARTC holders need to do.

All ARTC and ART (AID) holders will be required to 'upgrade' their ART qualification to the new 'ART' (2021) award before June 2024. **The new 2021 'ART' award requires a full first aid**

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**certificate (HLTAID009, 010, 011) as a pre-requisite. Therefore, all current holders will need to complete a full, 1 day first aid course prior to completing the new ART course.**

SLSNSW are funding the first aid courses to approximately all 600 ART holders across the branch. The first aid courses provide a nationally recognised qualification which can also be used outside of SLS.

## **Plan**

SLSCC in conjunction with SLSNSW Academy have 7 first aid courses planned at Tuggerah to commence the roll out. These courses have a capacity of 16 participants per course.

Clubs are asked to communicate to their ARTC and ART (AID) holders and offer them a place in a **FREE** first aid course (HLTAID 009,010,011). **A tile has been created and is attached for clubs to use via email and their social media accounts.**

SLSCC will also promote these courses to ART (AID) and ARTC holders via email and social media platforms.

## **Course Dates and Links**

The Jotform links can be shared to members to enrol in the course individually. SLSCC will check the candidate holds the required pre-requisites.

All the following courses will be held from 8:30am to 4:30pm at:  
Surf Life Saving Central Coast Office  
7/4 Teamster Cl, Tuggerah, NSW, 2259

### **Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221080717065854>

### **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221081556363857>

### **Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221081393315853>

### **Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221080964319860>

### **Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221080615512848>

### **Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221081283558860>

**Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2022**

<https://form.jotform.com/221080781500849>

**Attachments**

1. **“ART/First Aid Social Media Tile”** - a visual tile to be shared via email or to the club's social media platforms.
2. **“SLSNSW ART Transition Overview”** - a overview from SLSNSW of the changes to ART awards and requirement for the First Aid pre-requisite.

If you have any questions about the forms or the training, contact Michael Hyslop on the details below.

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