



SLSA Wales and RLSS UK position statement National Vocational Beach Lifeguard Qualifications (NVBLQ) 2021

With the summer fast approaching and beaches across the UK and Ireland requiring beach lifeguards Surf Life Saving Association of Wales (SLSA Wales) and RLSS UK offer support and guidance to ensure RNLI and other beach operators can recruit, train and supply beach lifeguard to keep the public using beaches safe.

Existing qualification holder

All NVBLQ holders expiring between 1 Jan 2020 and 30th June 2021 [Expired during the covid lockdown and now require it for employment or patrolling reasons] will have their qualification extended until 31st June 2021.

This will provide those qualification holders affected with time to work with SLSA Wales and RLSS UK to find an NVBLQ assessment where they can take part and gain another 2-year qualification. There is no requirement to be a member of either organisation to complete a renewal assessment and completing an independent assessment to gain another qualification is a robust and professional way to prove qualification competency.

Free online ongoing training with competency assessment

Beach operators and employers are responsible for ensure beach lifeguards are competent, but we are pleased to continue to offer any NVBLQ holder free online ongoing training, to help keep their knowledge and understanding refreshed. This can be access by registering (free of charge) for an account here <https://rlssuk.tahdah.me/account/registernew>.

There is no cost to do this and a lifeguard can complete 6 ongoing training sessions, including competency assessment and download a certificate following successful completion of each session. SLSAWales

Members will need to continue membership through their existing clubs in order to access the elearning platform and continue to log in with their existing login details. This can be accessed here.

<https://www.slsawales.org.uk/memarea.asp>

Priority is being given to those who will require the award for employment and club patrols. So please ensure your club training officer and Regional Tutor is aware of this

Training new qualification holders

SLSA Wales and RLSS UK are proud to have supported the industry and beach lifeguards in 2020 by creating clear guidance in order to allow training and assessment for NVBLQ to continue safely during the period of COVID.

The guidance can be found here <https://www.rlss.org.uk/guidance-for-nvblq-training-and-assessment-during-covid-19>

<https://www.slsawales.org.uk/memarea.asp>

Once it is safe to do so SLSA Wales and RLSS UK NVBLQ Trainer Assessors will be ready to support and deliver NVBLQ training courses and assessments.

You can find courses here:

SLSA Wales <https://www.slsawales.org.uk/calendar.asp>

RLSS UK <https://direct.rlss.org.uk/course-finder/>

Or for help finding a Trainer, Assessor or training centre please e-mail:

SLSA Wales. The first port of call will be your clubs and the club training officer.

Regional tutors can also help to point you in the right direction.

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