

Australian Pool and Ocean Lifeguard Association Incorporated
Overview of Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Qualifications Levels 1-4 Update May 2025

APOLA Inc. Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Qualifications Levels 1-3	Public Safety Training Package Units of Competency presented as Skill Bands Levels 1-3 towards the Vocational Education qualification PUA30322 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue)	Other Requirements including prerequisites
Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Level 1	<p><u>POL Level 1 Skill Band</u> This level captures PUA20119 Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)</p> <p>HLTAID011 Provide first aid PUACOM001 Communicate in the workplace PUASAR012 Apply surf awareness and self-rescue skills PUASAR013 Participate in an aquatic rescue operation PUATEA001 Work in a team PUATEA004 Work effectively in a public safety organization PUAOPE013 Operate communications systems and equipment SISAQUO19 Supervise patron safety in aquatic locations</p>	Current Motor Vehicle Driver Licence Current APOLA POL Annual Proficiency Certificate
Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Level 2	<p><u>POL Level 1 Skill Band</u> <u>POL Level 2 Skill Band</u></p> <p>HLTAID015 Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy PUAWHS002 Maintain safety at an incident scene PUASAR011 Search as a member of an aquatic search team PUAOPE027 Undertake beach safety management activities PUASAR017 Undertake advanced surf rescue PUAEME007 Provide emergency care for suspected spinal injury</p>	Current Motor Vehicle Driver Licence Current APOLA POL Annual Proficiency Certificate Current APOLA Suspected Spinal Injury Care Award Current Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy Current Provide first aid Minimum operational employment experience of 200 hours
Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Level 3	<p><u>POL Level 1 Skill Band</u> <u>POL Level 2 Skill Band</u> <u>POL Level 3 Skill Band</u> This level captures PUA30322 Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue)</p> <p><u>Select 1 of the following 3 streams:</u></p> <p>Beach Vehicle Driver and PWC Driver PUAVEH001 Drive vehicles under operational conditions PUASAR016 Operate and maintain a personal water craft for rescue operations</p> <p>Advanced Emergency Care HLTAID014 Provide Advanced First Aid PUAEME008 Provide Pain Management</p> <p>Risk Minimisation PUAEMR006 Assess operational risk PUAEMR005 Treat operational risk</p>	Current Motor Vehicle Driver Licence Current APOLA POL Annual Proficiency Certificate Current APOLA Suspected Spinal Injury Care Award Current Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy Current Provide first aid Current PWC Driver Licence* Current APOLA Lifeguard Powercraft Ocean Rescue Award* Current APOLA Beach Vehicle Driver Award* Minimum operational employment experience of 500 hours

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<p>APOLA Inc. Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Qualification Level 4</p>	<p>Public Safety Training Package Units of Competency presented as Skill Band Level 4 for the Vocational Education qualification PUA42619 Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management).</p>	<p>Other Requirements including prerequisites</p>
<p>Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Level 4</p>	<p><u>POL Level 4 Skill Band:</u> This level captures PUA42619 Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management)</p> <p>Core (5 units of competency)</p> <p>PUACOM001 Communicate in the workplace PUACOM003 Manage Information PUAMAN002 Administer allocation of resources PUAOPE015 Conduct briefings and debriefings PUATEA003 Lead, manage and develop teams</p> <p>Elective (7 units of competency)</p> <p>PUAWHS002 Maintain safety at an incident scene PUAOPE027A Undertake beach safety management activities PUASAR011C Search as a member of an aquatic search team</p> <p><u>1 of the following 2 streams:</u></p> <p>Risk and Response PUAEMR006 Assess operational risk PUAEMR005 Treat operational risk PUAAMS007 Coordinate search and rescue operations PUAOPE012 Control a Level 1 incident</p> <p>Community and Administration PUACOM007 Liaise with other organisations PUACOM012 Liaise with media at a local level PUACOM005 Foster a positive organisational image in the community PUACOM013 Administer a local public safety group</p>	<p>Professional Ocean Lifeguard (POL) Award Level 3 that incorporates Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue) with inclusion of the Level 1 – Level3 specified units.</p> <p>Current Motor Vehicle Driver Licence Current APOLA POL Annual Proficiency Certificate Current APOLA Suspected Spinal Injury Care Award Current Provide advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy Current Provide first aid</p> <p>Current PWC Driver Licence* Current APOLA Lifeguard Powercraft Ocean Rescue Award* Current APOLA Beach Vehicle Driver Award*</p> <p>Minimum operational employment experience of 1000 hours</p>