



## Circular 037:17

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Subject:** Surf Lifeguard Award and IRB Award Refreshers

**Attention:** Club Captains, Patrol Captains and Operational Lifeguards

**Description:** All lifesaving operations carried out after the 31<sup>st</sup> of January must be done so by appropriately refreshed Lifeguards. Non-refreshed patrols run the risk of breaching the POM.

Circulars are available at: <http://lifesaving.org.nz/lifesaving/lifesaving-operations-circulars/>

All Lifesaving Award and IRB Award Refreshers should now be complete and entered into the SLSNZ Patrol and Membership database (PAM):

All lifesaving activities carried out by non-refreshed and non-current (financial) members are done so outside the liability remit of SLSNR and SLSNZ and pose a significant risk to the Club, patrol and the member.

Non-refreshed members should liaise with the appropriate club instructor or delegate to refresh prior to commencing patrol. Club Captains and Patrol Captains should check the status of their lifeguards prior to the weekend, ensuring **only** refreshed lifeguards are on patrol. Clubs with non-refreshed lifeguards run the risk of breaching the Patrol Operations Manual.

The minimum requirements for any base patrol are:

- 3 refreshed lifeguards
- 1 current first aider (level 2 refreshed)
- 1 refreshed IRB operator
- 1 person over the age of 18

Patrol Auditors and Duty Officers will be carrying out checks throughout the region on the status of the patrols qualifications against the PAM database. Where a patrol is found not to meet the minimum patrolling requirements the patrol will be required to drop the flags until appropriately qualified and refreshed guards arrive. In addition, the Club will be issued with a POM breach.

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