



## Circular 050:17

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**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Subject:** California Lifeguard Exchange 2017

**Attention:** Operational Lifeguards, Club Administrators

**Action:** Apply before the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2017

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### Overview

Since 1969 senior lifeguards have been selected from clubs in the Northern Region, to visit lifeguard agencies in California. The exchange is a structured learning experience, and is an opportunity for clubs to nominate exceptional lifeguards who show the ability to enhance surf lifesaving in this country.

With the assistance of the host organisation – California Surf Life Saving Association – the exchange delegates are given the opportunity to participate in patrolling activities, to witness and practice the use of different types of rescue equipment, and to observe alternative beach management programmes and administrative structures.

Successful applicants will demonstrate a high level of knowledge of New Zealand's lifeguarding arrangements, be highly proficient in a range of practical patrolling and rescue skills, and have the ability to impart this to others through prepared presentations and coordination of hosting duties on their return.

Selectors will be looking for candidates who can successfully evaluate the benefits of the alternative systems and techniques they observe, have had a consistent involvement in SLS over a long period of time and who will continue to actively participate in the development and administration of surf lifesaving following the exchange (i.e. have earned it, will learn and develop from it, and will continue to contribute after it).

[Click here](#) for the application form

**Applications Close: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 5pm**

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Or by email to [talia.comp@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:talia.comp@surflifesaving.org.nz)

### CRITERIA

All applicants for the 2017 California Lifeguard Exchange must satisfy the following criteria before submitting their completed application form to Surf Life Saving Northern Region

- Have attained 21 years of age by 1 June 2017
- Be available for travel for a five or six week period, from the last week of June until early August 2017. *Travel times within this period can be arranged to align with participants schedules.*
- **Be a financial, refreshed and active patrolling member of an SLS affiliated Club in the Northern Region and endorsed as such by your club**
- Have demonstrated significant involvement at both Club and/or Regional levels, consistently over many years.
- Have demonstrated a desire and commitment towards the organisation in the future.
- Be available to coordinate the hosting program of the 2017-2018 NZ leg.
- Be able to demonstrate ability to meet financial costs associated with the exchange eg. Living expenses etc.
- Demonstrate the physical ability and competence to participate in the full range of lifeguard activities associated with the exchange (competent swimmer and all-round good fitness)
- Complete the medical information and disclaimer.

Kind regards,

**Talia Comp**

Club Development Manager

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