



Circular 143:17

Date: 2nd November 2017

Subject: Callout Squad Qualifications and Training Log

Attention: Callout Squad Coordinators and Lifesaving Officers

Action: For information

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

To ensure that lifeguards are appropriately trained and refreshed for Callouts during the upcoming season, a spreadsheet has been shared with all clubs via the Dropbox application which allows clubs to edit and review qualifications and record training sessions. To clarify Dropbox is a free cloud storage application with 2GB of storage; it is available to download here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/register>. If you currently have no spare storage space within the application or wish to refrain from using it, copies of the spreadsheet can be sent via email.

A reminder that under new national standards set by SLSNZ and the service level agreement with New Zealand Police all Callout Squads are to comply with the following:

- 1) All under 18's are not permitted to respond as active call out members. (They can reflex task to incidents if they are at the location when the incident happens)
- 2) Members are required to be current/refreshed in the roles they are carrying out (Patrol support, Lifeguard Award, IRB Operators/Crew and First Aid)
- 3) A minimum of 6 training sessions are to be completed annually (July 2017-July 2018)

To ensure we're up to speed this season clubs ensure that a minimum of 1 training session (preferably 2) is completed before the 1st December and members are refreshed by the 31st January 2018. Training can consist of a meeting regarding the upcoming aims and protocols for the season or a practical based exercise. The 400m swim however is an essential and mandatory requirement and needs to be completed before they can be placed on a Callout Squad list.

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