Nipper Rescue Certificate (NRC)

For Nipper parents. Be water safety for deep-water Nipper activities.

No dates yet. Choose Register interest on the form and we'll email you when a course is set.

NRC — Key info

From age 18 **Free to members**

Minimum age	18, on the day of your final assessment.
Duration	About 3 hours.
Cost	Free to members.
Stays current	Until 31 December, every season.

Prerequisites

SLSWA: Be a current club member

SLSWA: Be comfortable in the surf and a competent ocean swimmer

Dates

No dates yet Register interest

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How to get it

1. **Prepare**
   Bring a wetsuit or bathers, goggles, a towel and warm clothes.
2. **Do the course**
   An ocean swim, tube rescues, a contact tow and the signals.
3. **Keep it current**
   Each season: show all 8 signals and a run-swim-rescue.

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If you miss your SMC

In short: if you're an Active Member and miss 31 December, your membership is put on hold for a month, then it ends. Until you do your SMC you can't patrol.

If you are an Active Member and are not proficient by 31 December, your membership is automatically suspended for 1 month (from 31 December, or from a later date if the Chair of Education has granted you an extension). If you are still not proficient at the end of that month, your membership automatically ends (By-law 11.3). To ask for an exemption or more time, write to the Chair of Education by 31 December (By-law 11.4). Under SLSWA rules you also cannot patrol, operate rescue craft or compete until you are proficient.

Long Service Members must requalify each season (By-law 6.2.4(f)). Under SLSWA rules you can't patrol until you do.

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