

Drone Patrol Operator Award Pathway



Meet pre-requisites

Member

- Be 16 years old
- Hold any patrolling award (Radio Operator, BM, SRC)

Complete CASA Registration

Member

- Register for Aviation number
- Complete CASA RPA operator accreditation or hold RePL

Club Enters RPA/RePL Award in Surfguard

Club

Club creates Form 14, sends documents to SLSWA as per any other award.

SLSWA processes RPA/RePL Award

SLSWA

Complete Theory Questions

Member

View [Power Point](#) and Download and complete [Question Sheet](#) from the Members Area Library. Hand in to your course facilitator

Organise Course

Club

- Dates
- Location
- Facilitator
- Equipment

Facilitator to Run Course

Facilitator

Check pre-reqs, theory, CASA compliance.
Deliver course
Assessor candidates

Complete attendance and assessment form
Explain next steps
Send documentation to SLSWA

Member Gains WA Drone Patrol Operator

SLSWA

SLSWA processes Award

Members with Flight Experience

May flight independently during patrol operations.

Members Needing Flight Experience

Fly with another experienced operator until Club Lead/Facilitator signs them off.

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Documentation Requirements

Patrolling award - on Surfguard as per award requirements:

- Bronze Medallion
- Surf Rescue Certificate
- Radio Operator

CASA award:

- CASA RPA or CASA RePL award entered onto Surfguard
- Assessment request form (Form 14) - CASA RPA or CASA RePL

WA Drone Patrol Operator Award:

- Drone Patrol Operator Theory sheet.
- Attendance list
- Flight Proficiency Test – Award sign off sheet
- Form 14 – WA Drone Patrol Operator Award

Club to mentor operators

- Sign off on when operator is deemed competent to operate independently with a spotter (use Flight Proficiency Test Award document, kept by club)

Skills Maintenance Checks

- Flight Proficiency Test - Proficiency
- Form 14 - Bulk Proficiency processed by club
- RPA needs renewing every 3 years
- RePL has no expiry date

Patrol Operations

Drones should be used in conjunction with club patrols. The Patrol Captain has ultimate responsibility for all beach operations.

- Discuss with the Patrol Captain:
 - Your suggested plan for the patrol
 - Operating area
 - What the Drone capabilities are
 - Limitations that there might be/develop (e.g. weather conditions, number of people on the beach etc.).
- You must be able to communicate with SurfCom and the Patrol Captain during operations
- Be aware of any other flight operations in your area (Lifesaver 68, 69)