

Paddle Australia Qualification Scheme

Assessment Guidelines

Senior Sea Instructor



Qualification Definition

The holder of this award is qualified to guide and instruct individuals or groups from novices to instructors on activity and day based programs in sea kayaks in Sea conditions:

- Outside of estuaries, harbours, embayments or other sheltering reefs or islands
- Difficult landings or open crossings may be included
- Maximum of 5 nautical miles from shore
- Wind conditions below Gale Warning (34kn)
- Breaking (whitecapping) waves (sea) up to 3.0m
- Surf to 2.0m

This award is gained by submitting evidence of the below criteria and passing a review by PAs Education and Safety Advisory Group (ESAG).

Experience

PA Award History Has held, and been an active PA Sea Instructor award holder or equivalent for the past nine years.

Minimum log book requirement In the previous nine years, two hundred days paddling in Sea conditions including:

- Twenty days in above Fresh Winds (22kn)
- Twenty days in 2.0m surf
- Twenty days in 3.0m seas
- Twenty crossing over 5nm

Instruction

Program diversity Delivered programs in at least ten different locations in three different states or countries

Participant diversity Delivered programs to a broad range of participants covering skill level and ages

Program and trainer management Managed and administered Sea programs delivered by other guides and instructors

Assessment Documents

Source of evidence Evidence of the above criteria can include:

- Log book
- References
- Referees
- Website links
- Published articles
- Photographs and videos