

Thank You

Paddle Australia would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you your ongoing contribution to paddling. Your support enables others to experience and enjoy the health, wellbeing and other benefits that paddling offers. You play a very important role which is greatly appreciated by Paddle Australia.

We understand that there are many challenges facing the paddling community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly amongst those who rely, either in part or in full, on delivering paddling to individuals or groups for their livelihood.

Three Month Extension of PA Qualifications

In recognition of the fact that, due to the current restrictions, formal paddle education is not possible and many are unable to use their qualifications, **PA and your State Paddle Association have agreed to extend the period of accreditation for all qualification holders by 3 months.**

Simply, the renewal dates for any qualification(s) that you hold with Paddle Australia will be put back 3 months. For those who would normally have their renewals due in the next few months, this means that you will not need to worry about submitting your renewal just yet. You will be notified when the renewal of your qualification(s) becomes due.

We understand that even if you are not due to renew your qualification(s) in the next few months, you will still have been impacted by the restrictions. Accordingly, we are providing all qualification holders the same benefit, whether you've recently renewed or your renewal isn't due for a while.

We will continue to monitor the developments regarding restrictions around paddling activities and will look to extend qualifications further if appropriate. Paddle Australia is also working with the State Paddle Associations and other stakeholders to deliver strategies which will help to support our community.

First Aid Qualifications

Some qualification holders have expressed concern that they may not be able to register or renew their qualifications as they cannot complete first aid courses. As such, **first aid qualifications will not be required to register or renew qualifications.** PA recommends that there is a responsible adult who holds a first aid qualification appropriate for the area of operation, along with a first aid kit, for every program.

What do I need to do?

Nothing! You do not need to take any action to benefit from this 'extension' and your qualification has been automatically updated.

If you'd like to download a copy of your new certificate, you can [log in to your account here](#).



In Paddle Log, simply click 'refresh qualifications' for your new expiry date to load.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, then please don't hesitate to get in contact. You email or call at education@paddle.org.au or +61 2 9763 0670.

If you are still paddling for exercise, enjoy your time on the water.

Stay safe and healthy.

Paddle Australia.