

"The Bronze Licence Coach has the competence to promote participation in competitive swimming and to plan, conduct, evaluate and modify training programs to enable swimmers to compete at inter club/district and encouragement level meets."

Duration :

Total of 18 hours theory presentations

Modules:

- Being an Effective Swim Coach
- Leadership and Management
- Effective Communication
- Risk Management and Legal issues
- Mental Preparation
- Fitness and Practice
- Practice and Competition Drills
- Efficient Stroke Development

The cost covers:

- Course attendance
- Refreshment Breaks
- Bronze coaching course manual, CD ROM and Assessment Booklet
- International accreditation

TERMS AND CONDITIONS**To Meet All Accreditation Requirements, the Course Student must:**

- Attend the course
- Complete the Assessment Workbook to a satisfactory standard including a practical assessment. All sections are to be signed off by another Coach with a copy of their qualifications attached
- Hold a Swim Australia™ Teacher of Competitive Swimming or equivalent

Recognition of Current Competency (RCC):

- Some potential Course Students may be able to satisfy all or some of the competency requirements for accreditation without having to attend the entire formal course.
- The RCC application kit can be obtained if you think this applies to you. Complete and return the information along with the Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC) application fee of AUD\$40. The application will then be assessed. Further fees are payable if the application is successful (minimum AUD\$100).

To participate, Course Students should:

- Read the Terms and Conditions and complete the Enrolment. Send with payment as listed below.

Language, Literacy and Numeracy:

- Students should contact ASCTA if extra assistance is required. An extra fee may be charged.

Refunds, Transfers & Course Cancellations:

- The Course Administrator should be contacted prior to the course commencement if you are unable to attend the Bronze Licence course. If the Course Administrator is administering another course at a suitable time and venue to all, you may be able to transfer to this course. Otherwise refunds will incur a 25% administration fee.
- Courses may be cancelled for a variety of reasons, at the Course Administrators discretion. In this event, a full refund of your course fee will be provided. Because of this possibility, it is recommended that you consider separate insurance for accommodation and travel expenses.

Privacy Disclosure:

- All Student contact and assessment details are required for accreditation and are disclosed to Swimming Australia Ltd (incl. member organisations)

Appeals and Complaints:

- Appeals and/or complaints should be in writing and addressed to the ASCTA General Manager. A written response will be forwarded within 21 days of receipt.

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AUSTRALIAN LICENCE versus INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Australian swimming coaching qualifications are highly desirable to overseas coaches due to the well defined, structured coach education delivery system and the competitive results of Australian Swimmers internationally.

A change was made in 2003 from a 3 level system which accredited coaches based on their acquired theoretical knowledge and swimmers results to a Licence with five tiers. The rationale was that Australian coaches needed more than just theory and practical performance to participate in the sport.

In addition to the theory and practical requirements to gaining a coaching Licence in Australia there are 4 additional elements:

1. Membership of the Australian Swimming Coaches and Teachers Association (ASCTA). This is required to ensure ongoing professional development and ethical practise, and is seen as the most logical way for a coach to become a member of Swimming Australia and thus maintains a voice in the direction of swimming in Australia. It also allows access to the ASCTA industry insurance scheme.
2. Agreement to the Swimming Australia Ltd. (SAL)/ASCTA Coach's Code of Conduct. This ensures ethical practise, and lays out expectations, complaints, appeals and review of the right to be licenced to practise as a coach.
3. A nationwide police check. This is to verify that the coach has previously displayed the desirable characteristics, morals and ethics of a swimming coach.
4. A competency-based practical assessment undertaken by an approved Assessor as a final quality control to ensure a minimum consistent standard for the accreditation.

Thus to become a licenced coach in Australia you attend a course, complete an Assessment Workbook, undertake pool deck experience (on the job training) and satisfy the 4 additional elements.

Overseas residents attending courses in Australia and participants of courses conducted overseas, based on Australian Coaching course content cannot gain a License due to the following limiting factors.

ASCTA Insurance. Insurance is not available via the ASCTA scheme for overseas coaches or countries. Some countries may also have their own coach's association.

Some of the Assessment Workbook units are not relevant for overseas situations.

The SAL/ASCTA Coach's Code of Conduct - Natural Justice and breaches of ethics cannot be heard in overseas jurisdictions without prohibitive costs. The coach must have the right of appeal and to be heard in any such hearing.

The Australian nationwide police check is invalid for overseas residents.

There is no system of assessors readily available (though I am sure many would offer to travel O/S if expenses were paid!)

Course Administrators can offer the theoretical knowledge and attainment of the practical skills via pool deck experience. This is recognised in the form of an International Coaching Certificate (e.g. International Bronze accreditation etc.).

Should the holder of an International Coaching accreditation come to Australia to coach or take up residency, that coach can then apply for Recognition of Current Competency (RCC) via ASCTA and gain their Coach Licence by undertaking the 4 additional elements embodied in the Licence. Thus the integrity of both Australian and International training is maintained without compromise