

Outreach Rescue Lapsed Certifications

Certification Process:

- Certificates are issued digitally upon successful completion of a training/assessment course.
- An expiration date is stated on the certificate (typically valid for 3 years).
- To maintain certification, recertification is required before the expiration date.
- Outreach Rescue generally recommends recertification every two years to avoid skill fade and to ensure a comfortable buffer period before certification expiry.

Lapsed Certifications:

- We understand that various circumstances may cause a lapse in certification. If this happens, Outreach Rescue cannot extend the validity of a certificate, and one of the following options must be taken.

Recertification Options:

1. Initial Course Re-attendance:

- Ideal for those who need a thorough refresher.
- Typically involves a longer duration and higher cost than recertification.
- Provides comprehensive retraining, ensuring updated knowledge and skills.
- Suitable for those who have been out of practice or prefer a more detailed review. (Recertification-only courses focus more on reassessing and less on training).
- This pathway is the most robust, as it ensures the student is certified going forward without concerns of a historic lapse in certification.

2. Recertification Course:

- Appropriate if:
 - The student has maintained the necessary skillsets and can pass the reassessment with minimal additional training, OR
 - The student holds an equivalent certification in the same skillsets.
 - AND the student's organisation accepts the lapse in certification and can justify attending a recertification-only course instead of an initial course, considering national/in-service standards and potential future investigations.
- Outreach Rescue does not review CPD/experience or determine suitability for recertification courses.
- All students must meet the required standards during the course, regardless of prior experience or qualifications.
- Successfully completing the course and being certified indicates competence at the time of assessment and can contribute to the organisation's overall competency evaluation for the individual.

Operational Capability During Lapsed Certification:

- The suitability for operational roles during a lapse in certification should be determined by the service organisation, considering national guidelines, CPD, experience, and other relevant factors.
- Outreach Rescue cannot extend certification validity or endorse capability during the lapse.