



# AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ (TSW)

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ course provides candidates with essential competencies to teach swimming and water safety™ to persons from four years of age in swimming pools and confined natural shallow water venues. Accreditation is valid for three years.

## TSW Course Requirements

### Pre requisite

#### **Candidates:**

1. May enrol in an AUSTSWIM course at 16 years of age but are not eligible to receive the accreditation until they are 17 years of age.
2. Are required to have a reasonable level of fitness and swimming ability.

### Content

The course is approximately 16-20 contact hours (theory and practical), plus supervised on the job teaching hours and assessment. Topics include:

1. Introduction - an overview of AUSTSWIM and the aquatic industry
2. Plan, deliver and review a lesson
3. How people learn
4. Being an effective teacher
5. Principles of movement in water
6. Aquatic safety, survival and rescue skills
7. Water familiarisation, buoyancy and mobility
8. Teaching safer diving skills
9. Towards efficient stroke development
10. Legal responsibilities for the AUSTSWIM teacher™

## Assessment

To gain the AUSTSWIM accreditation, the following assessment components must be satisfactorily completed within 12 months of the course commencement date.

1. Practical assessment of rescue competencies
2. Continuous Aquatic Sequence
3. Practical demonstration of teaching skills, including the preparation of lesson plans

## Additional Requirements

4. Theory assessment (completed online). The online theory assessment includes agreeing to a Teacher Declaration, Code of Conduct and completing a brief course evaluation
5. Show evidence of holding a current cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) award. For further information on CPR requirements. (Completed through the Senior First Aid Unit)
6. Practical teaching hours including observation, supervised teaching and assessment of teaching competency. (To be organised by students at a time and venue that suits them. Private Swim Schools may be able to do after school, weekends or blocks on the holidays times. There are also many opportunities through education department in-term swimming or VacsWim programs. Education Department organisations will only accept students that are 17 years or older)
7. Submit photo for AUSTSWIM Teacher Licence™.
8. Submit a current Working with Children Check (WWCC). For more information about your states WWCC information [click here](#)
9. Unique Student Identifier (USI) - a USI is a reference number that gives you access to a USI account which is linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection.

## Vocational Education Training

On successful completion of all course requirements candidates will receive the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™ accreditation and as a result be issued the AUSTSWIM Teacher Licence. This licence is valid for 3 years at which point the AUSTSWIM Teacher™ must renew their accreditation. Candidates will also be issued a Statement of Attainment for the following Units of Competency from the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package

SISCAQU008 Instruct water familiarisation, buoyancy and mobility skills

SISCAQU009 Instruct water safety and survival skills

SISCAQU010 Instruct swimming strokes

SISCAQU002 Perform basic water rescues