

# Swimming and water safety education for Years 1 to 6 – Information for home education families

## Policy statement

The Northern Territory (NT) Government has committed to support free swimming lessons through the Royal Life Saving Australia (RLSA) Swim and Survive program for all primary school students in years 1 to 6. Learning how to swim and develop lifelong skills in water safety aims to reduce risk of drowning and injury. The funding also supports Government's commitment to lowering the cost of living for families.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How will swimming and water safety education be paid for?

Funding has been provided to enable children enrolled in years 1 to 6 to receive swimming and water safety lessons through the Swim and Survive program from Term 1 in each year.

### Do parents need to contribute?

The cost of Swim and Survive lessons up to the value of \$150 is being provided.

### Can the NT Sports voucher be used?

No, the program is provided in addition to NT Sports vouchers.

### What if I don't want my child to participate?

Participation is not mandatory. Parents have the right to decide that their child/children will not participate in the program.

### What is the qualification requirement for instructors?

The qualification required to deliver the program is SISSS00132 - Swimming and Water Safety Teacher. The skill sets for this qualification are:

- SISCAQU020 - Perform water rescues
- SISCAQU023 - Plan swimming lessons
- SISCAQU024 - Teach water familiarisation, buoyancy and mobility skills
- SISCAQU025 - Teach water safety and survival skills
- SISCAQU026 - Teach swimming strokes
- HLTAID009 - Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The instructor must also have a current Working with Children Clearance.

Find out more about the Swimming and Water Safety Teacher skill requirements at [training.gov.au](https://training.gov.au).

Note: The units listed above reflect the current standards but are subject to change.

## What if my child previously attended a school this year and has already participated in the swimming program?

If your child was enrolled in a government or non-government school and has participated in Swim and Survive lessons this year, they are not eligible for further swimming funding this year.

## How will my child access the swimming program?

Parents should contact their preferred pool to discuss options for Swim and Survive lessons.

## What if there isn't a pool near me?

A list of pools is found at: [swim and survive partners in the Northern Territory](#)

## How will I be reimbursed for swimming and water safety lesson costs?

You may claim up to \$150 per child in Year 1 to 6 to supplement the cost of the Swim and Survive program.

You must complete a claim form and associated receipts seeking reimbursement of up to \$150 as soon as practicable. All claims must be submitted before 30 November in that year.

The Home Education team will provide families with a copy of the claim form.

## Further Information

If you require further information, please contact the Home Education unit by phoning (08) 8901 4902 or email at [homeeducation.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:homeeducation.doe@education.nt.gov.au).