

LEARN new skills

The NSW SES is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with qualified trainers and assessors. The NSW SES offers its volunteers the opportunity to participate in a wide range of nationally accredited courses.

The skills you learn can give you competencies that can lead towards various nationally recognised qualifications.

As well as providing you with challenges and an opportunity to learn new skills, your NSW SES training may lead to a better job – or even a whole new career.



Be a LEADER

As an NSW SES volunteer you will be given the opportunity to be part of a team where each team member brings their own unique skills to the group. The NSW SES offers volunteers the opportunity to embark on a range of training activities which give you the confidence and skills to provide leadership and to mentor others.

Form lifelong FRIENDSHIPS

When you join the NSW SES, you become part of a team of professional volunteers who share your commitment to helping your community. Friendships form through volunteering and training together. But it's not all serious; many units hold regular social events such as bushwalks and family get-togethers.

The majority of volunteers discover that the NSW SES is like a large family with the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and support networks

What AGE and ABILITY requirements are there

The NSW SES is made up of individuals from a diverse range of ages, backgrounds and abilities.

The minimum age for volunteering with the NSW SES is 16 years of age.

Volunteers under the age of 18 do have restrictions on their participation in some training and operational activities. Some NSW SES roles such as Alpine Search and Survival have fitness requirements but most roles have no requirements.

There are many roles that NSW SES volunteers can choose to do including administration, planning, training, field, communication, logistics, media, community education and other support roles. Opportunities exist for people from diverse backgrounds and abilities.



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FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOOD,
STORM AND TSUNAMI CALL

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In life-threatening emergencies call 000 (triple zero)

For more information call the NSW SES
on **1800 201 000**
or visit: www.ses.nsw.gov.au



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Volunteering



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Help your Mob, by joining ours!

Are you looking for a challenge, not afraid to give something new a go and want a rewarding way to give back to your community?

If you answered yes then the NSW SES is the place for you!

The NSW SES is a volunteer organisation who believe volunteers are our most valuable assets.

The NSW SES has over 10,000 dedicated and committed people across NSW who volunteer to help their local community in times of floods, storms, tsunami and other emergencies.

As a volunteer with the NSW SES you will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ help your community
- ✓ learn new skills
- ✓ be a leader
- ✓ form lifelong friendships



HELP your community

The more you know, the less you need.

Being an NSW SES volunteer is about being able to help your community become safer by helping them prepare and respond better to floods, storms, tsunami and other emergencies. The NSW SES offers many opportunities for you to contribute to your community as well as opportunities to support other communities across NSW and Australia during major events.

What you can do as a NSW SES volunteer

When you become an NSW SES volunteer you have the opportunity to take part in lots of exciting emergency roles including:

Storm and Flood preparation and response – Helping people prepare for storms and floods, using specialised equipment like flood boats and chainsaws, taking part in rural and urban rescues, making structures safe and assisting in the resupply of isolated communities.

General Land Rescue – Working safely to remove people from dangerous situations including rural and urban rescues

Vertical Rescue – Rescuing people from heights and depths such as cliffs or ravines (training available in selected rural units)

Media and Community Education – Working with the media and the community to communicate safety messages and warnings and to both promote the NSW SES to the community and ensure your community is well educated in flood and storm preparedness and response..

Operational support – Supporting the activities of teams in the field through roles such as administration, data entry, communication and catering

Training coordination – Helping to plan and conduct training in your unit

Road-Crash Rescue – Rescuing people from crashed vehicles (training available in selected rural units)

Logistics – Helping to plan how to acquire, distribute and use resources during emergencies

Management – Helping the unit to run smoothly

Emergency services liaison – Working with representatives of other emergency services during emergencies

Community First Responder – Some regional NSW SES units also provide a 'first responder' service in areas where there is no immediate ambulance response. Volunteers who provide this service receive specialist first aid training in this role.

Volunteering may also give you the chance to travel to parts of NSW or interstate to help other SES units. You will also get the opportunity to volunteer alongside emergency services such as the NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW Ambulance Service.

Getting started



HOW DO I APPLY to be a NSW SES volunteer?

Your first step in becoming an NSW SES volunteer is to call our volunteer line on 1800 201 000 for information on membership, future orientation nights and training schedules.

Once you have decided that the NSW SES is for you, you will need to:

- ✓ Complete a Membership Application Form
- ✓ Attend an interview with the Unit Controller (where you will need to bring 100 identification points with you to the interview)
- ✓ Consent to and complete a Criminal History Record Check Form
- ✓ You will be advised of the result of this check and invited to attend the unit's regular training night. After a period of at least three months' probation your Controller will help you decide if the NSW SES is right for you.

What level of COMMITMENT will I need to make?

Volunteers are expected to attend training regularly. Most units and regions train one night each week for about three hours. Additional training may be required on some weekends.

The NSW SES understands that as a volunteer you may have work, family or other commitments. In some cases you may not be available to attend all training sessions or contribute to operational responses. In these cases you can negotiate your level of involvement with your Controller. The NSW SES is very flexible with its membership arrangements.