

JOIN US TODAY

BECOME AN SA AMBULANCE SERVICE VOLUNTEER

"My sister-in-law encouraged me to join SA Ambulance Service, as she is also a volunteer ambulance officer. She asked me to join because our local station needed more volunteers. I was motivated to help because I want my family and friends to have access to emergency care in our local area. I am proud of my decision and so glad I can help out."

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Your questions answered



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Common myths about becoming a volunteer ambulance officer

I don't have the time

Most volunteers have family and work commitments. We understand that our volunteers have busy lives. In most stations you can be on-call while going about your daily business.

I'm too old

We welcome people of any age, so long as you are fit and healthy, and able to meet our medical requirements. We value the knowledge and experience that older people bring to the team.

How can I volunteer if I'm at work?

Many of our volunteers work. Training is generally conducted on weekends and evenings to fit in with people who work during the daytime. Your employer can be reimbursed to cover time lost if you are called to a case while at work, allowing you time to help your community.

I'm still on my P-Plates

If you would like to join as an operational ambulance volunteer recruit, you must hold a drivers licence that allows you to drive in South Australia. If you are on a provisional licence you may be able to start training with us. This will depend on local needs. If you do not have a driver's licence, there may be non-operational roles available at your local station.

I can't cope with blood and guts!

You will always be paired with a qualified ambulance officer who will be there to support you all the way. Most patients are people with chest pain, breathing problems or pre-existing medical conditions. Of course, on some occasions we come across major incidents but these are a small proportion of our work.

How much does it cost?

The training and uniforms are free. You will be reimbursed for your travel costs and also for child care, if you need it. We will provide free Ambulance Cover for you and your immediate family (in accordance with current Terms and Conditions).



Is there training involved?

The training sessions are designed to help you succeed. Our nationally accredited certifications are delivered in various modes - online self-directed learning, webinars and face-to-face sessions - to practice skills and conduct assessments. iPads are available to all students so they can access online content. Support from the team is always available.

I don't have any experience

No experience needed! We provide the necessary training once you have completed the application process. We also provide lots of support, so you feel confident with your skills.

What if the patient is a mate or family member?

There may be times when you are asked to respond to a friend or loved one. Don't worry, your specific training will help you handle the situation. People you know are often comforted by a familiar face, and with your skills and professionalism, you will be able to help them in their time of need.