

AQUATIC CERTIFICATIONS

for NYS Bathing Facilities

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When the State Sanitary Code (SSC) requires "lifeguard supervision" or a "qualified lifeguard" at a bathing facility, an approved lifeguard certification SPECIFIC to the type of bathing facility is required.

NOTE:

- All lifeguards are required to possess American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or a CPR equivalent noted on the CPR fact sheet unless otherwise indicated. All cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificates must be renewed within 1 year of completion of the course, regardless of the expiration date noted on the card.
- Children's camp lifeguards must be at least 17 years of age, except;
 - A maximum of 20% of the required lifeguards on duty may be 16 years of age;
 - Lifeguards for wilderness swimming must be at least 18 years of age.
- Lifeguard certifications shall be valid for the time period specified by the certifying agency, but may not exceed a consecutive three-year period from course completion.
- Supervising lifeguards must possess at least Supervision Level IIb certification, be at least 18 years old, and have at least 2 seasons of lifeguarding experience.
- Shallow water certifications are acceptable for Supervision Level IIa at pools with water depths of four feet or less.

<u>STANDARD</u>				
New York State Sanitary Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subpart 6-1, Section 6-1.31, Swimming Pools • Subpart 6-2, Section 6-2.20, Bathing Beaches • Subpart 7-2, Section 7-2.5(g), Children's Camps 			
<u>ACCEPTED COURSES</u>				
			SUPERVISION LEVEL Marked boxes indicate acceptability	
PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	Level I Surf	Level II b Pool & Beach	Level II a Pool Only
American Red Cross (ARC) A CERTIFICATION IN THE OLD ARC CURRICULUM REMAINS VALID UNTIL EXPIRATION. THE "WATERFRONT LIFEGUARD" MODULE CERTIFICATE IS VALID THROUGH 6/30/2010. *TO QUALIFY FOR LEVEL IIb, A CANDIDATE MUST BE CO-CERTIFIED IN AN ARC COURSE ACCEPTED FOR LEVEL IIA AND THE ARC "WATERFRONT LIFEGUARD MODULE OR BE CERTIFIED IN THE NEW "WATERFRONT LIFEGUARDING" CURRICULUM.	Lifeguard Training			X
	Waterfront Lifeguard* (Requires 2 certificates)		X	X
	Lifeguarding (New 2007)			X
	Waterpark Lifeguarding (New 2007)			X
	Waterfront Lifeguarding* (New 2007) (Requires 1 certificate only)			X
American Lifeguard Association (ALA) CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE WORDS "INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE"	Lifeguarding Instructor-Led Course			X
	Waterpark Lifeguarding Instructor-Led Course			X
	Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor-Led Course		X	X
Boy Scouts of America (BSA) ALL CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 3 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE AND CARD HOLDER MUST BE AT LEAST 15 YEARS OF AGE (17 YEARS OF AGE FOR CHILDREN'S CAMPS).	Lifeguard, BSA		X	X
	Aquatics Instructor, BSA		X	X
Breezy Point Cooperative, Inc.	Breezy Point Surf Lifeguard	X		
Cattaraugus County EMS	Cattaraugus County EMS Lifeguard Training Program		X	X
Hamptons Consortium	Hamptons Consortium Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
Ellis & Associates Inc., International Lifeguard Training Program Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required.	Pool Lifeguard Training			X
	Special Facilities Lifeguard Training			X

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PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	Level I Surf	Level II b Pool & Beach	Level II a Pool Only
Incorporated Village of Saltaire	Ocean Lifeguard Certificate	X		
	Bay Front Lifeguard Certificate		X	
Lindenhurst School District	Lindenhurst School District Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
Nassau County Department of Health	"Day Camp Only"			X
	Grade 1A			X
	Grade 1B			X
	Grade II		X	X
	Grade III	X	X	X
New York City Department of Parks	Municipal Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Municipal Lifeguard "pool only"			X
Royal Life Saving Society, Canada ALL CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Pool			X
	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Waterfront		X	
	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Surf	X		
	National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Waterpark			X
Starfish Aquatics Institute, Inc. CERTIFICATION IS VALID FOR 1 YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE AND CERTIFICATE MUST SPECIFY "MEETS NY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS." Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required.	StarGuard Best Practices for Lifeguards			X
Suffolk County Department of Parks	Ocean Lifeguard Training	X		
	Stillwater Lifeguard Training Course		X	
Town of Babylon	Ocean Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Stillwater Lifeguard Training Course		X	X
Town of Brookhaven	Ocean Theory Course	X	X	X
Town of East Hampton	Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Pool and Beach Lifeguard		X	X
Town of Islip	Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Pool and Beach Lifeguard		X	X
Town of Southampton	Ocean Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Stillwater Lifeguard		X	X
Village of Ocean Beach	Ocean Beach Atlantic Ocean Lifeguard Course	X	X	X
YMCA	YMCA Lifeguard		X	X
	Lifeguard		X	X

SHALLOW WATER CERTIFICATION

*Valid for shallow pools as indicated below

PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE
American Red Cross (ARC)	Shallow Water Attendant (New 2007) *Valid for water depths of 4 feet or less.
American Lifeguard Association (ALA) CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE WORDS "INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE"	Shallow Water Lifeguard Instructor-Led Course *Valid for water depths of 4 feet or less.
Ellis & Associates Inc. International Lifeguard Training Program Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required.	Shallow Water Lifeguard *Valid for water depths of 5 feet or less.