

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 are valid for 1 year from course completion, 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.

STANDARD				
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 			
ACCEPTED COURSES				
PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	SUPERVISION LEVEL		
		Level I Surf	Level II b Pool &	Level II a Pool Only
Marked boxes indicate acceptability				
American Red Cross (ARC)	Lifeguarding (New 2007)			X
	Waterpark Lifeguarding (New 2007)			X
	Waterfront Lifeguarding (New 2007)		X	X
American Lifeguard Association (ALA) <small>CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE WORDS "INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE"</small>	Lifeguarding Instructor-Led Course			X
	Waterpark Lifeguarding Instructor-Led Course			X
	Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor-Led Course		X	X
Boy Scouts of America (BSA) <small>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).</small>	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 <small>Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required. *CERTIFICATE MUST INDICATE COMPLETION OF OPEN WATER TRAINING.</small>	Pool Lifeguard Training			X
	Special Facilities Lifeguard Training			X
	Special Facilities Lifeguard Training with Open Water Training*		X	X
Incorporated Village of Saltaire	Ocean Lifeguard Certificate	X		
	Bay Front Lifeguard Certificate		X	
Lindenhurst School District	Lindenhurst School District Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X

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		SUPERVISION LEVEL		
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PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	Level I Surf	Level II b Pool &	Level II a Pool Only
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 <small>ALL CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.</small>	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. <small>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. *IN "SPECIALTY MODULE TRAINING" SECTION OF CERTIFICATION CARD, "WATERFRONT" MUST NOT BE CROSSED OUT.</small>	StarGuard Best Practices for Lifeguards			X
	StarGuard Best Practices for Lifeguards with Waterfront Specialty Module Training*		X	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				
	CERTIFICATION TITLE			
American Red Cross (ARC)	Shallow Water Attendant (New 2007) *Valid for water depths of 4 feet or less.			
American Lifeguard Association (ALA) <small>CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE WORDS "INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE"</small>	Shallow Water Lifeguard Instructor-Led Course *Valid for water depths of 4 feet or less.			
Ellis & Associates Inc. International Lifeguard Training Program <small>Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required.</small>	Shallow Water Lifeguard *Valid for water depths of 5 feet or less.			