

# AQUATIC CERTIFICATIONS

## for NYS Bathing Facilities

### Fact Sheet - March 2007

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. 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 are valid for a maximum of 3 years from date of issuance.
  - 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.

<b>STANDARD</b>				
<b>New York State Sanitary Code</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subpart 6-1, Section 6-1.31, Swimming Pools</li> <li>• Subpart 6-2, Section 6-2.20, Bathing Beaches</li> <li>• Subpart 7-2, Section 7-2.5(g), Children's Camps</li> </ul>			
<b>ACCEPTED COURSES</b>				
		<b>SUPERVISION LEVEL</b>		
		Marked boxes indicate acceptability		
PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE	Level I Surf	Level II B Pool & Beach	Level II A Pool Only
<b>American Lifeguard Assoc., Inc.</b>	Basic Lifeguarding			X
	Lifeguard Training		X	X
<b>American Red Cross (ARC)</b> A CERTIFICATION IN THE OLD ARC CURRICULUM REMAINS VALID UNTIL EXPIRATION. THE "WATERFRONT LIFEGUARD" MODULE CERTIFICATE IS VALID THROUGH 6/30/2010.  <small>*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.</small>	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
<b>Boys Scouts of America (BSA)</b> <small>ALL CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 3 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE 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
<b>Breezy Point Cooperative, Inc.</b>	Breezy Point Surf Lifeguard	X		
<b>Cattaraugus County EMS</b>	Cattaraugus County EMS Lifeguard Training Program		X	X
<b>Ellis and Associates National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Training</b>	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
Hamptons Consortium	Hamptons Consortium Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Bay Front Lifeguard Certificate		X	
Lindenhurst School District	Lindenhurst School District Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
Nassau Co. 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
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

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**SHALLOW WATER CERTIFICATION**

Valid for pools with water depths of 4 feet or less.

PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION
American Red Cross (ARC)	Shallow Water Attendant (New 2007)
Ellis and Associates National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Training	Shallow Water Lifeguard

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