

# 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.

<b><u>STANDARD</u></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><u>ACCEPTED COURSES</u></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 Red Cross (ARC)</b>	Lifeguarding (New 2007)			X
	Waterpark Lifeguarding (New 2007)			X
	Waterfront Lifeguarding (New 2007)		X	X
<b>American Lifeguard Association (ALA)</b> 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
<b>Boy Scouts of America (BSA)</b> 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
<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>Hamptons Consortium</b>	Hamptons Consortium Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
<b>Ellis &amp; Associates Inc., International Lifeguard Training Program</b> Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required. *CERTIFICATE MUST INDICATE COMPLETION OF OPEN WATER TRAINING.	Pool Lifeguard Training			X
	Special Facilities Lifeguard Training			X
	Special Facilities Lifeguard Training with Open Water Training*		X	X
<b>Incorporated Village of Saltaire</b>	Ocean Lifeguard Certificate	X		
	Bay Front Lifeguard Certificate		X	
<b>Lindenhurst School District</b>	Lindenhurst School District Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X

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		Level I Surf	Level II b Pool & Beach	Level II a Pool Only
PROVIDER	CERTIFICATION TITLE			
<b>Nassau County Department of Health</b>	"Day Camp Only"			X
	Grade 1A			X
	Grade 1B			X
	Grade II		X	X
	Grade III	X	X	X
<b>New York City Department of Parks</b>	Municipal Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Municipal Lifeguard "pool only"			X
<b>Royal Life Saving Society, Canada</b> 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
<b>Starfish Aquatics Institute, Inc.</b> 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 <u>NOT</u> BE CROSSED OUT.	StarGuard Best Practices for Lifeguards			X
	StarGuard Best Practices for Lifeguards with Waterfront Specialty Module Training*		X	X
<b>Suffolk County Department of Parks</b>	Ocean Lifeguard Training	X		
	Stillwater Lifeguard Training Course		X	
<b>Town of Babylon</b>	Ocean Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Stillwater Lifeguard Training Course		X	X
<b>Town of Brookhaven</b>	Ocean Theory Course	X	X	X
<b>Town of East Hampton</b>	Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Pool and Beach Lifeguard		X	X
<b>Town of Islip</b>	Surf Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Pool and Beach Lifeguard		X	X
<b>Town of Southampton</b>	Ocean Lifeguard	X	X	X
	Stillwater Lifeguard		X	X
<b>Village of Ocean Beach</b>	Ocean Beach Atlantic Ocean Lifeguard Course	X	X	X
<b>YMCA</b>	YMCA Lifeguard		X	X
	Lifeguard		X	X
<b><u>SHALLOW WATER CERTIFICATION</u></b> *Valid for shallow pools as indicated below				
	<b>CERTIFICATION TITLE</b>			
<b>American Red Cross (ARC)</b>	Shallow Water Attendant (New 2007) *Valid for water depths of 4 feet or less.			
<b>American Lifeguard Association (ALA)</b> CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE WORDS "INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE"	Shallow Water Lifeguard Instructor-Led Course *Valid for water depths of 4 feet or less.			
<b>Ellis &amp; Associates Inc.</b> <b>International Lifeguard Training Program</b> Separate certificate for CPR is NOT required.	Shallow Water Lifeguard *Valid for water depths of 5 feet or less.			