



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

Applying for Recognition of Non-Canadian Certifications

The Lifesaving Society is the lifesaving and lifeguard certification agency in Canada. The Society offers a progressive system of training leading to certifications in lifesaving, lifeguarding, first aid and leadership.

From time to time, individuals from other countries relocating to Ontario want to know how their previous training might fit into the Canadian system. Individuals who seek a formal assessment may apply for recognition by the Lifesaving Society Ontario of lifesaving training competencies of non-Canadian awards, certifications and previous training.

While every case may be unique, the application process is the same:

1. Applicants submit the completed form with the processing fee and necessary supporting documents that provide the information needed to assess the applicant's competencies.
2. The Society compares the applicant's awards and certifications to Lifesaving Society Canada's training program curricula and evaluation criteria.
3. The Society advises the applicant of the competencies deemed equivalent and what areas require additional training, upgrading or recertifying. Applicants may be required to purchase reference manuals or resource materials.

Before applying, it is helpful to understand:

- Some Lifesaving Society programs have minimum age and/or award prerequisites. The Lifesaving Society may waive an award prerequisite for applicants who hold corresponding awards from a Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth nation (whose lifesaving programs are similar in curriculum and evaluation criteria to Canada's). Such applicants will normally be asked to complete a written assignment based on the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual*.
- The Ontario government regulates the minimum age and certifications for lifeguards in public swimming pools. An applicant seeking employment in Ontario as a lifeguard must earn the Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard certification. There are no exceptions.

Standard First Aid is a prerequisite to the National Lifeguard program and required by law to work as a lifeguard in an Ontario public swimming pool. Applicants must earn a Standard First Aid certification from the Lifesaving Society Canada or from one of our partner national agencies: St. John Ambulance Canada, Canadian Red Cross or Canadian Ski Patrol. There are no exceptions.

- Residential camps in Ontario must comply with the Recreational Camps Regulation 568 under Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act (www.publications.gov.on.ca). Camps maintain aquatic safety supervision standards and water safety based on this Regulation and in accordance with Ontario Camps Association Guidelines and Standards (www.ontariocampsassociation.ca).

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In Summary

Lifesaving Society Canada Award	If you hold Commonwealth Royal Life Saving Awards	If you hold Non-Commonwealth Awards
Lifesaving or Bronze medal awards	Equivalency normally approved upon successful completion of written theory assignment based on the <i>Canadian Lifesaving Manual</i> .	<p>Mandatory: Challenge an original examination, all items.</p> <p>Recommended: Participation in full course prior to examination.</p>
Canadian Standard First Aid with CPR-C	<p>Mandatory: Must earn an original Standard First Aid from the Lifesaving Society Canada or one of our national partner agencies: St. John Ambulance Canada, Canadian Red Cross or Canadian Ski Patrol.</p>	
National Lifeguard	<p>Mandatory: Must successfully complete a full National Lifeguard course (not a recertification).</p>	
Swim Instructor & Lifesaving Instructor	<p>Mandatory: Must successfully complete a full Swim & Lifesaving Instructor course (taken together or separately).</p>	

Lifesaving Society Canada certifications are recognized and transferable across the country. If you move, ask your home Lifesaving Society office to transfer your awards record to the Society's office in the appropriate province/territory.

For additional information or clarification, please contact Perry Smith, Program Director, Lifesaving Society Ontario Program Department at 416-490-8844 or by email at perrys@lifeguarding.com.



Application for Recognition of Non-Canadian Certifications

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (YY/MM/DD)
Address		Contact (phone/fax/email)
City	Province	Postal Code

Awards/Certification	Certifying Agency	Date Certified
Lifeguarding Awards:		
Other Aquatic Awards:		

OFFICE USE:

PROCEDURE: Submit completed application together with a copy of the following documents with appropriate English translations:

- Awards and certifications
- Curriculum or content of awards or certifications

Email (perrys@lifeguarding.com), fax (416-490-8766) or mail to Perry Smith, Program Director, Lifesaving Society, 400 Consumers Road, Toronto, Ont. M2J 1P8. Please allow 10 working days to process.

A \$40.00 processing fee is required. Reference manuals or resource materials are an additional charge.

Method of payment: Cash Cheque Visa MasterCard

Credit card number: _____ Exp. _____ Signature: _____