



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.

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

The application process is as follows:

1. Applicants submit the completed application with the processing fee and necessary supporting English documents.
2. The Society reviews the documents provided by the applicant.
3. The Society advises the applicant of the outcome of the review and the applicant's next steps.

Before applying, it is helpful to understand:

- Applicants may be required to purchase additional reference manuals or resource materials.
- Some Lifesaving Society programs have minimum age and/or award prerequisites. The 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 may be asked to complete a written assignment based on the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual*.
- The Ontario government regulates the minimum age and certifications for lifeguards and instructors in public swimming pools. Applicants seeking employment in Ontario as a lifeguard must earn the Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard certification. Applicants seeking employment in Ontario as an instructor must earn the Lifesaving Society Swim Instructor and Lifesaving Instructor 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 these [approved agencies](#). 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	Mandatory: Must earn a Standard First Aid certification from the Lifesaving Society Canada or from one of these approved agencies .	
National Lifeguard	Mandatory: Must successfully complete a full National Lifeguard course (not a recertification).	
Swim Instructor & Lifesaving Instructor	Mandatory: Must successfully complete a full Swim & Lifesaving Instructor course (taken together or separately).	

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



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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 in English (translations accepted):

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

Email (training@lifeguarding.com), fax (416-490-8766) or mail to Lifesaving Society, Training Program department 400 Consumers Road, Toronto, Ont. M2J 1P8. Please allow 10 business days to process.

A \$60.00 processing fee is required. Reference manuals or resource materials are an additional charge.

Method of payment: Cheque or money order Visa Mastercard AMEX

Credit card number: _____ Exp. _____ Signature: _____