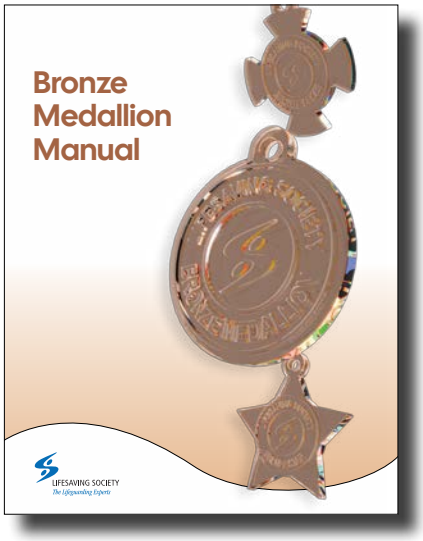
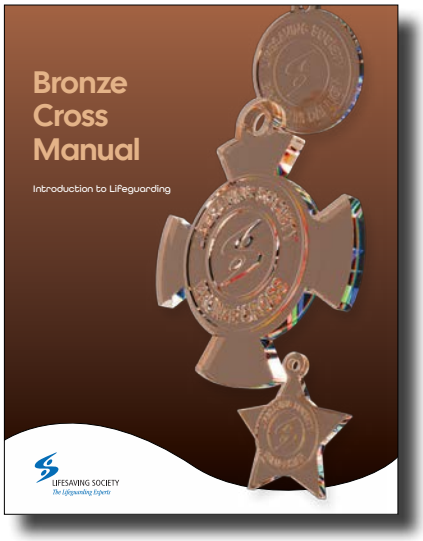
New course manuals for Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross

Available January 5, 2027



Le *Manuel de la Médaille de bronze* et le *Manuel de la Croix de bronze* sont aussi disponibles.



The manuals feature **over 200 colour illustrations** in clean, fresh layouts and manageable page counts for learners: 116 pages in the *Bronze Medallion Manual* and 92 pages in the *Bronze Cross Manual*.

The Lifesaving Society is retiring the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* and introducing a new generation of course-specific references – the *Bronze Medallion Manual* and the *Bronze Cross Manual*.

The new Bronze manuals replace the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* (CLM) as required texts for candidates on Medallion and Cross courses and for the instructors who teach them. (Bronze Star content is covered in the *Bronze Medallion Manual*.)

Why the change? Now in its fourth decade, the current edition of the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* is showing its age. While regular content revisions have been made to reflect new research and the Society's program changes, the design and structure of the manual are dated and restrictive.

Key features

- In a move away from the encyclopedia approach of the CLM, the new Bronze manuals focus on course-specific content delivered in concise as-I-need-it chunks.

  Content and structure are aligned with test items and Must Sees allowing candidates and instructors to cover the competencies required for success more easily and efficiently.

No change to Bronze content.

Key concepts like the Ladder Approach and Rescuer's Checklist are unchanged as are course content, test items and Must Sees. Course scheduling is not affected.

- A new "**Rescue Practice**" section in the *Bronze Medallion Manual* explains situational training and how it works. Instructors can use this to engage candidates in making up their own situations for mental practice or to present to classmates. Similarly, scenario charts for both lifesaving and assistant lifeguard situations are found in the "**Rescue Interventions**" section in the *Bronze Cross Manual*.
- Each section presents **Test Yourself** questions designed to drive candidates into the content of the section for answers. Instructors will find sample Test Yourself answers in Teaching/Resources at lifesavingsociety.com
- Instructors no longer need to cross-reference the CLM and *Alert* when teaching Bronze Cross. The *Bronze Cross Manual* contrasts the roles and responsibilities of lifesavers and lifeguards in "**The Assistant Lifeguard**" while "**Fit for Duty**" and "**Supervision and Surveillance**" showcase important aspects of lifeguarding.

Transition to the new Bronze manuals

During the transition to the new Bronze manuals, the CLM may be used by candidates and instructors. It should make no difference to candidate success on the course if some candidates are using the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* while others have the new manuals. Instructors and Trainers should simply adapt their reading assignments to accommodate both. Please inform candidates that the CLM is being retired in favour of the new Bronze manuals.

By January 2028, all Bronze candidates should be using the new Bronze manuals.

Instructors who teach Bronze courses and Lifesaving Instructor Trainers should obtain the new manuals as soon as they're available (as of January 5) so they have time to familiarize themselves with the content and structure of the new books.

New Bronze workbooks

The 2027 editions of the Bronze workbooks are now being developed to sync with the new Bronze manuals.

What should affiliates do?

Estimate your needs for upcoming Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross courses and decide when you want to switch to the new manuals. Bear in mind, that the CLM is not being reprinted. We cannot accurately predict when the current supply will run out.

- ***Option 1:*** If you have no inventory of CLMs, begin using the new Bronze manuals as soon as convenient after January 5, 2027.
- ***Option 2:*** If you have a supply of CLMs, use them up or return them for credit and order the new manuals.
- ***Option 3:*** Continue with the CLM while supplies last. Before ordering, contact our office to confirm that we still have CLMs for you.

Returns. You can return unused CLMs for credit by June 30, 2027 subject to the Society's Return Policy.

To purchase the new Bronze manuals or for more information, contact us:

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Limited-time offer for current Lifesaving Instructors, Examiners and Trainers *only:*

$52.30 for a set of Bronze manuals (i.e., one *Bronze Medallion Manual* and one *Bronze Cross Manual*) – purchased before July 1 and *only* using the *Bronze Medals Manual Kit Pre-order Form*.

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