


## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City/County Directors of Environmental Health  
District Directors

**From:** Eric J. Wiegert, Director   
Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection

**Date:** March 27, 2024

**Subject:** 2024 Fact Sheets for Acceptable Certifications: Aquatics, CPR,  
and First Aid

For your information, as referenced in the Environmental Health Manual Technical Reference CSFP-16, attached are the updated “Fact Sheets” that list certifications that have been determined to be equivalent to those specified in Part 6 and/or Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code.

In addition to the changes listed below, please note that minor edits were made as needed to correct and/or clarify certification titles or course provider names.

### 1. The following Fact Sheets include changes for 2024:

#### Aquatic Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

- A clarification was made to the note on Children’s Camps lifeguard age to reflect new legislation allowing for some lifeguards to be 15 years of age.
- The following American Red Cross lifeguarding certifications were added:
  - Lifeguarding (Including Deep Water) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid
  - Lifeguarding (Including Deep Water) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid and Waterfront Skills
  - Lifeguarding (Including Deep Water) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid and Waterpark Skills
- The following American Red Cross shallow water lifeguarding certifications were added:
  - Aquatic Attraction Lifeguarding (Water ≤ 3’) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid
  - Shallow Water Lifeguarding (Water up to 5’) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid
  - Shallow Water Lifeguarding (Water up to 6’) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid
  - Shallow Water Lifeguarding (Water up to 7’) with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid
- The Dryft Watersports Inc “Surf Level I” certification was added to the fact sheet as acceptable for Supervision Level I.
- The following Ellis Education Services certifications were added as acceptable for Supervision Level IIa and Level IIb:
  - Lifeguard Instructor

- Lifeguard Instructor Trainer
- The Southampton Village Ocean Rescue “Surf Level I Lifeguard” certification was added to the fact sheet as acceptable for Supervision Level I Surf.
- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) certification “New York State Lifeguard” was removed as the course is no longer offered and all previously issued certificates have expired.

#### Camp Aquatics Director for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

- The NYSDEC certification “New York State Lifeguard Management” was removed as the course is no longer offered and all previously issued certificates have expired.
- The following American Red Cross certifications were added:
  - Lifeguard Instructor Trainer”
  - Lifeguarding Instructor r.24
  - Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24

#### Camp Trip Swimming Program Safety Certifications for NYS Children’s Camps

- The following American Red Cross certifications were added:
  - Lifeguard Instructor Trainer
  - Lifeguarding Instructor r.24
  - Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24

#### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification for NYS Children’s Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities

- The following certifications were removed from the fact sheet because they are no longer offered and previously issued certifications have expired:
  - American Health & Safety Institute “Basic Life Support BLS for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers”
  - EMS Safety Services, Inc. (EMS Safety) “BLS for Healthcare Providers”
  - NYSDEC “CPR/AED for Lifeguards, Camp Counselors, and Camp Directors”
- A new requirement was added for the American Heart Association’s “BLS Provider” certification which specifies that the certification must be accompanied by a separate certification verifying completion of an in-person skills assessment.

#### First Aid Certifications for NYS Children’s Camp Staff

- Minor changes were made to update accepted certification titles offered by the NYS Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- The NYSDEC certification ““New York State Lifeguard Management” was removed as the course is no longer offered and all previously issued certificates have expired.

#### Level III and IV Aquatic Supervision Staff Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certifications for NYS Bathing Facilities

- The following certifications were removed from the fact sheet because they are no longer offered and previously issued certifications have expired:
  - EMS Safety Services, Inc. (EMS Safety) “CPR”
  - Medic First Aid “Medic First Aid Basic and Medic First Aid Infant and Child Supplement”
  - Medic First Aid “Medic First Aid CarePlus CPR”

NYS Bathing Facilities Supervision Level III Aquatic Certification Required for Instructional Activities

- The following American Red Cross certifications were added:
  - Lifeguarding Instructor
  - Lifeguard Instructor Trainer
  - Lifeguarding Instructor r.24
  - Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24

Progressive Swimming Instructor for NYS Children's Camps

- Minor changes were made to update the Starfish Aquatics Institute certification title and subtitle.
- A footnote was added to indicate that the Canadian Red Cross certification has been discontinued by the course provider.

**2. No changes were made to the following Fact Sheets for 2024:**

- Learn-to-Swim Programs for NYS Children's Camps
- Qualified Swimming Pool Treatment Operator Courses

Please distribute these Fact Sheets to facility operators as needed. The most current Fact Sheets will be made available on the [New York State Department of Health's website](#).

If you have any questions regarding these Fact Sheets, please contact your regional field coordinator.

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