

CAMP AQUATICS DIRECTOR

for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

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(Go to www.health.ny.gov to view most current certification list)

A camp aquatics director must oversee all swimming activities that occur at swimming pools and bathing beaches operated as part of a children's camp. This person shall supervise lifeguards and other required staff during swimming activities and implement the camp safety plan. The camp aquatics director must:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a minimum of:
 - One season of previous experience as a camp aquatics director at a New York State children's camp; or
 - Two seasons of previous experience consisting of at least 12 weeks as a children's camp lifeguard which had more than one lifeguard supervising it at a time; or
 - 18 weeks of previous experience as a lifeguard at a swimming pool or bathing beach, which had more than one lifeguard supervising it at a time.
- Hold an accepted and current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate as listed on the Fact Sheet entitled "[Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation \(CPR\) Certification for NYS Children's Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities](#)."
- Annually review and document the review of the camp's safety plan for swimming.
- Possess current certification in a training course for lifeguard supervision and management as described below:

| Acceptable Lifeguard Supervision and Management Courses | |
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| (Certifications are valid for the time period specified by the provider, but may not exceed three years from the date of course completion.) | |
| Provider | Certification Title |
| <p>American Red Cross (ARC)</p> <p>Lifeguard Management (LGM) certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – LGM is only offered online. In-person testing is required and obtained through ARC Lifeguarding Instructors that are ARC Authorized Providers. – Certification expiration date is based on the LGM certificate, not the in-person testing certificate date. Certifications without an expiration date are not valid. <p>Lifeguarding Instructor or Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Certificates including a combination of Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 and Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 are acceptable. – Certificates are valid for the time period specified in parentheses after the certification title. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lifeguard Management – certifications must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session. ➤ Lifeguarding Instructor ➤ Waterfront Lifeguarding Instructor ➤ Lifeguard Instructor Trainer ➤ Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 ➤ Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 |
| <p>American Aquatics Safety Training</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aquatic Supervisor (Lifeguard Management, Pool Activity Leader) |
| <p>Boy Scouts of America</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aquatics Instructor, BSA |
| <p>YMCA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lifeguard Supervisor |

An Aquatics Director may not perform lifeguard duties unless currently certified as a qualified lifeguard or assess swimming ability unless currently certified as a progressive swimming instructor (see corresponding Fact Sheets available at www.health.ny.gov or from your local health department).