

NBMA Swimming Instructor Pathway

Volunteer



Assistant Swimming Instructor



Swimming Instructor

- **Min. 13 years old**
- Bronze Medallion certification
- Emergency First Aid/CPR B
- AED
- If over 14, NCCP Making Headway in Sport (concussion training)

- **Min.15 years old**
- Bronze Cross certification (if you have National Lifeguard NLS, Bronze Cross does not need to be current)
- Standard First Aid certification
- CPR C certification
- AED certification
- Red Cross WSI (pt 1) certification, as well as the online component completed*
- Note: fully qualified 14 yr olds may be considered if not enough applicants
- Experience as an NBMA volunteer, preferably in the swim program
- Making Headway (concussion awareness training)**

- **Min.16 years old**
- Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard certification (NLS)
- Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (full WSI certification)*
- Lifesaving Society (LS) Swim Instructor certification*
- Standard First Aid certification
- CPR-C certification
- AED certification
- Making Headway (concussion awareness training)**
- Asset Qualifications – please see next page

* and ** - please see Notes page

Important to Note

*The Making Headway certification is a free, online course (60-90 min) available at: <https://www.coach.ca/concussion-awareness-s16361> (select the “Sport – Generic” option)

**Canadian Red Cross has decided to wind down our involvement in swim and lifeguard training in order to direct more attention to surging humanitarian demands in other areas. Red Cross is supporting its water safety Training Partners and those looking for certification to transition to the swim and lifeguard training programs of the Lifesaving Society Canada through the course of 2022. Please check with your local provincial/territorial Lifesaving Society for more information on training. For information on how to transition your Red Cross certification to Lifesaving Society: [Swim Transition pathways](#).

For those who ALREADY have completed WSI through Red Cross, and it is still valid, please refer to the Lifesaving Society’s website:

SWIM TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR RED CROSS-CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALS

The Lifesaving Society and Canadian Red Cross have created special pathways by which Red Cross certification holders transition to corresponding Lifesaving Society certifications. These pathways recognize and acknowledge the competencies earned in Red Cross certifications while providing the knowledge and resources critical for success as a Lifesaving Society instructor, lifeguard or trainer.

The opportunity to attain Lifesaving Society certifications via these transition pathways ends December 31, 2022. Thereafter, individuals would be required to follow all normal Lifesaving Society certification requirements and pay all applicable fees.