

S P L A S H

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Introducing Find a Member Mobile

Lifesaving Society members can now check their Lifesaving Society certifications online with Find a Member Mobile. Simply bookmark or add www.findamember.ca to the browser favourites on your phone or tablet, enter your Lifesaving Society Member ID (found on the bottom right corner of any certification card) and click "Get Certifications".

With Find a Member Mobile:

- Members can download proof of certifications. Members who have lost or misplaced their certification cards can check when their certifications expire.
- Members can learn the processing status of an award they recently took. For example, members can check to see if their Instructor Recert has been processed yet.
- Members can be confident this service is secure and ensures their privacy. Only those to whom the member has given his or her Lifesaving Society ID number have access to the list of certifications.
- Employers can obtain immediate confirmation of certifications of staff members – no telephone tag, no busy signals – even when the Lifesaving Society office is closed.
- Employers can immediately confirm certifications in cases where the authenticity of a card is questioned. Find a Member Mobile can provide employers with proof that certification cards being presented are valid (or not) especially when cards appear altered.
- Trainers can confirm prerequisite credentials of candidates who arrive without proof or in cases where the authenticity of a card is suspect. Verification is quick and easy.

Affiliates: 2014 Prices and Fees will be released by the end of October.

Award distribution improved

Effective January 1, 2014, the Lifesaving Society will mail all office-processed awards directly to each candidate's home address. This service enhancement means candidates will receive their awards without having to return to the location of the course.

Currently awards are mailed from the Lifesaving Society office to the aquatic facility for distribution to the successful candidates. This results in many candidates not getting their awards and much administration for the Affiliate Member.

Affiliates – as soon as possible – please return any undistributed awards to the Lifesaving Society office where the awards will be forwarded to candidates.

National Lifeguards deserve a medal!

The Society salutes Canada's National Lifeguards in 2014 with a special 50th anniversary medal for all successful National Lifeguard candidates who certify or recertify between January 1, 2014 and March 30, 2015. Test sheets must be submitted to the Society's office by June 30, 2015.



Prerequisites

Some Lifesaving Society awards have prior training or age prerequisites to ensure that candidates have the necessary knowledge and ability to achieve success. Affiliates, Instructors and Examiners are responsible for checking prerequisites. The Society will not issue awards to candidates who do not have the required prerequisites.

Age prerequisites: Minimum age requirements must be attained by the day of the exam. There are no exceptions. Acceptable proof of age includes: birth certificate, driver's license, health card or passport.

Award prerequisites: Prerequisite awards must be earned prior to the start of the course to which they apply. When two or more awards are offered together (e.g., Workplace Standard First Aid and National Lifeguard), the Society deems the prerequisite award to have been earned in the correct order.

Acceptable proofs of awards are a Lifesaving Society certification card or confirmation using Find a Member Mobile (www.findamember.ca). Proof of prerequisites must be available to the Examiner.

Prerequisite awards need not be current.

First aid prerequisites: When a first aid certification from an agency other than the Lifesaving Society is used as a prerequisite for a Lifesaving Society award, a photocopy of the certification card must accompany the Lifesaving Society test sheets. The Society will not issue awards if this proof of prerequisite is missing.

For prerequisite purposes, the Lifesaving Society accepts Emergency First Aid and Standard First Aid certificates as prerequisites only from the following agencies:

- Lifesaving Society
- Canadian Red Cross
- St. John Ambulance
- Canadian Ski Patrol

The Lifesaving Society is a national, volunteer organization and registered charity working to prevent drowning and water-related injury. Annually, over 1,000,000 Canadians participate in the Society's swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training programs. The Society sets the standard for aquatic safety in Canada and certifies Canada's National Lifeguards.