

# CAMP AQUATICS DIRECTOR

## for NYS Children's Camp Bathing Facilities

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(Go to [www.health.ny.gov](http://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:

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

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](http://www.health.ny.gov) or from your local health department).