

LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is skilled work involving responsibility for maintaining the safety of participants in swimming activities in a pool/beach area and its immediate surroundings. Work is performed under the general direction of a Head Lifeguard or swim program director. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Monitors activities in swim areas and immediate surroundings to prevent accidents;
Enforces safety rules and regulations;
Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe conduct and swim areas;
Rescues swimmers in danger of drowning;
Administers emergency first aid;
Maintains order in swim areas;
Inspects facilities for cleanliness;
May administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in life threatening situations;
May conduct or officiate a swim meet;
May clean and/or refill a swimming pool.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of water safety rules and regulations; good knowledge of water rescue techniques; good knowledge of emergency first aid and CPR procedures and techniques; excellent swimming ability; ability to communicate effectively.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Possession of a current certification in American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer CPR or equivalent certification as determined by the New York State Department of Health; and
2. Possession of a current lifeguard certification from the American Red Cross or other recognized certifying agency acceptable to the New York State Department of Health; and
3. In accordance with the New York State Sanitary Code subpart 6-1, must be at least 15 years of age. *

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: It shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure the compliance with all age restrictions and all other training and physical capability requirements and/or other certifications that may be required by state or local codes including Subparts 6-1 and 6-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code.

*A swimming pool lifeguard may be 15 years old only if employed at a facility where a supervising lifeguard, as defined by Subpart 6-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code, is present.