

LIFEGUARD EXAMINATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Individuals interested in working as a lifeguard in the State of Rhode Island must become certified by the R.I. Division of Parks and Recreation as either a Surf or Non-Surf Lifeguard to work at a beach or if required by their facility operator, as a Pool Lifeguard to work at a pool.

REQUIREMENTS

1. All candidates must be at least fifteen (15) years of age and must present a photo I.D. with verification of date of birth every time they apply for certification.
2. Applicants under the age of eighteen (18) MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must sign a waiver of liability form for the minor applying to take a State Lifeguard Certification Test. If parent or guardian is not able to attend the test in person, they MUST obtain a DEM Parks and Recreation Waiver Form that needs to be signed by the parent/guardian and NOTARIZED prior to taking the test. Candidate must bring this form with them on the date of the test. Please contact Tom Rosa for this Waiver Form at either tom.rosa@dem.ri.gov or by calling 401-667-6200. Candidates under the age of 18 are required to have this waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Failure to meet this condition will result in candidate being disqualified from the State Test.
3. All candidates must have successfully completed courses and hold valid cards in Lifeguard Training, First Aid, and C.P.R. which includes adult, infant, and child C.P.R., all of which should not be due to expire within 30 day of testing date.
 - a) The following CPR cards will be accepted:
 - "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" or "CPR for Lifeguards" from the Red Cross and "BLS for the Healthcare Provider" from the Heart Association are the recommended levels of CPR training. The "Heart saver CPR for all Ages" from the Heart Association will also be accepted. An appropriate Adult, Infant, and Child CPR card from the National Safety Council, American Safety & Health Institute, or other accredited organizations.
 - b) Only original, valid, up to date cards or authorized training certificates from accredited organizations, such as the American Red Cross, Y.M.C.A, National Safety Council, American Heart Association are accepted. Individuals considering training from Ellis & Associates, or the Starfish Aquatics Starguard Lifeguard programs must check with the Division of Parks and Recreation for accepted training from these programs and would require waterfront training for Surf or Non-surf Certification.

Individuals should not consider any on-line courses without checking with the Division of Parks and Recreation prior to registration to verify if any such courses would be accepted for Lifeguard Certification. No photostats, altered, defaced, or damaged cards will be honored. Also, no letters from Instructors, rosters, or other documents will be accepted in lieu of original training cards or authorized training certificates from accredited organizations.
 - c) No candidate will be certified if any of their training cards are due to expire within thirty (30) days. They will not be certified until they have renewed and replaced the training card which is expiring.
 - d) An active E.M.T. License will be honored for the First Aide requirement but an E.M.T. must still present separate cards in Lifeguard Training and appropriate C.P.R.
 - e) Lifeguard Training, First Aid, and C.P.R. courses are offered throughout the year by accredited agencies. Candidates should check with accredited agencies for dates and times for these courses and all courses must be completed prior to the start of the State Certification Tests in May.