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FAQ – Updated December 16, 2022

The deadline to transition your Red Cross aquatic certifications to the Lifesaving Society equivalent has been extended to June 30, 2023, with some changes made, which will be outlined below.

How do I transfer my Red Cross Water Safety Instructor to the Lifesaving Society equivalent?

To transfer your Red Cross Water Safety Instructor to the Lifesaving Society equivalent, Swim for Life Instructor, simply register for the online Swim Transition Instructor Clinic (STIC). Prior to December 31, 2022, there is no registration fee. You will have to purchase the required text, *Swim for Life Award Guide*, which you will be prompted to do during registration.

As of January 1, 2023, there will be a \$50 registration fee, which includes the cost of the required text.

Head to www.e-lifesaving.ca to register for the STIC.

Next, you will need to upload a PDF or JPEG copy of your Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certificate. Head to www.e-lifesaving.ca/transition to upload your certifications. *Note: Web Access codes are only applicable to residents of Ontario.*

Once you have successfully completed the STIC and your Red Cross certifications have been uploaded and approved, you will then receive your Swim for Life Instructor award card in the mail.

How do I transfer my Red Cross Lifeguard/Assistant Lifeguard to the Lifesaving Society equivalent?

There are a few options to transfer your Red Cross Lifeguard or Assistant Lifeguard to the Lifesaving Society equivalent, National Lifeguard Pool/Bronze Cross.

If you have your Red Cross Lifeguard certification, you can register for a National Lifeguard – Pool recertification course. You must present a copy of your Red Cross Lifeguard certification and a Standard First Aid certification to the instructor/examiner at the beginning of the course.

If you have your Red Cross Assistant Lifeguard certification, you can either register for a Bronze Cross recertification course, or a National Lifeguard Pool course.

For the Bronze Cross recertification course, you will need to present a copy of your Red Cross Assistant Lifeguard certification to the instructor/examiner at the beginning of the course.

For the National Lifeguard Pool course, you will need to present a copy of your Red Cross Assistant



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As of January 1, 2023, Red Cross transition candidates will have to pay for the course in full.

How do I transfer my Red Cross Water Safet Instructor Trainer or Lifeguard Instructor certifications to the Lifesaving Society equivalent?

To transfer your Red Cross advanced leadership to the Lifesaving Society equivalent, please contact our Kathy Plett, Program Coordinator to determine the best pathway for transition.

You can reach her by phone at (204) 956-2124 ext 2 or email kathy.plett@lifesaving.mb.ca

I used to be a Red Cross Training Partner. How do I register for the same status with the Lifesaving Society?

In order to become a Lifesaving Society affiliate (the equivalent of a Red Cross Training Partner), you'll first need to read and sign an Affiliate Agreement and pay the annual affiliate fees. Affiliate fees differ depending on the type of affiliate you are register as (Corporate or Private). Affiliates have annual access to Lifesaving Society educational materials, curriculum, as well as job and course postings. To become an affiliate, contact Kathy Plett, Program Coordinator: (204) 956-2124 ext 2 or email kathy.plett@lifesaving.mb.ca