



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:9-1-12.1 Lifeguards.

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(A) Lifeguards required by this chapter to be posted at aquatic devices shall:

(1) Be capable swimmers, and;

(2) Be at least sixteen years of age, and;

(3) Be certified validly and currently by one of the following entities as having completed the specified training successfully:

(a) "American Red Cross" - "Lifeguard Training" or "Advanced Lifesaving," or;

(b) "YMCA" - "National YMCA Lifeguard," or;

(c) "Boy Scouts of America" - "BSA, Lifeguard" (within the previous three years) or "Aquatic Instructor, BSA" (within the previous three years), or;

(d) "Ellis and Associates" - ILTP (international lifeguard training program), or;

(e) "NASCO" - "National Aquatic Safety Company," or;

(f) "Star Guard" - "American Safety and Health Institute," or;

(g) Any other person, agency, or organization whose training the licensor determines is comparable to the training specified in paragraphs (A)(3)(a) to (A)(3)(f) of this rule, and;

(4) Possess current valid certification in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation of the specified type from one of the following entities:



- (a) "American Red Cross" - "Community CPR," "Adult CPR," or "Basic Life Support Professional Rescuer" or successor courses offered by the "American Red Cross," or;
  - (b) "American Heart Association" - "Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation - Course A, B, or C," or;
  - (c) Any other person, agency, or organization whose training the licensor determines is comparable to the training specified in paragraph (A)(4)(a) or (A)(4)(b) of this rule, and;
- (5) Possess current valid certification from one of the following entities as having completed one of the specified courses successfully:
- (a) "American Red Cross" - "Standard First Aid" or "Advanced First Aid," or;
  - (b) Ohio department of education - "Emergency Medical Technician - Basic," or;
  - (c) Any other person, agency, or organization whose training the licensor determines is comparable to the training specified in paragraph (A)(5)(a) or (A)(5)(b) of this rule, and;
- (6) Be prepared to enter the water at any time while on duty, and;
- (7) Have a defined zone to observe and perform duties as described in the facility's approved life guarding plan, and;
- (8) Be similarly attired and readily identifiable by bathers and other lifeguards.
- (B) Shallow water lifeguards required or permitted by this chapter to be posted at aquatic devices shall:
- (1) Be certified validly and currently as having successfully completed the shallow water rescue course given by an approved organization such as those listed in paragraph (A)(3) of this rule or an equivalent course, and;
  - (2) Meet the requirements of paragraphs (A)(4), (A)(5), (A)(6) and (A)(8) of this rule.



(3) Not have a defined zone of water to observe where the water depth is greater than forty-eight inches.

(C) Attendants required or permitted by this chapter to be posted at aquatic devices shall:

(1) Be at least sixteen years of age.

(2) Meet the requirements of paragraphs (I) and (J) of rule 901:9-1-06 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Operate positions on aquatic devices only where the facility owner, state or federal law or the aquatic device manufacturer do not require the utilization of a lifeguard or shallow water lifeguard.