2020 LIFEGUARD INFORMATION for all OPRHP sites except Long Island

LIFEGUARD QUALIFICATIONS for 2020

1. Minimum age: 16 (preference given to individuals 18 years of age and older)

2. PRIOR to employment, you must have acceptable and **current certifications** in the following American Red Cross courses (or equivalent):

   - Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED – in the New York City Region
   - Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED with Waterfront Skills Module – for all regions except NYC.
   - CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Providers – which includes Adult and Child AED – all regions.
   - First Aid **if not** included in Lifeguard Training course material – all regions.
   - Waterpark Lifeguarding certification for any lifeguard working at a park with water slides.

   Regions should consult with the Agency Water Safety Office for equivalent courses.

   - Lifeguard and First Aid certificates validity periods vary by provider. Please make sure you possess appropriate and valid certifications.
   - Initial certification as a Lifeguard through ARC will include CPR. No separate certificate is necessary.
   - CPR certificates **must** be dated within the last year as per the NYS DOH.
   - A lifeguard may be terminated from lifeguard employment if any required certificate lapses during the operating season (recertification is acceptable).
   - Please consult with the Regional or Albany Office if you have questions on certifications.

3. Candidates must successfully complete the qualifying process and any other training programs sanctioned by the Agency. **Please note:** Candidates may participate in the qualifying process without possessing certification; however, candidates that do possess current certifications will likely have an advantage in the process over those who do not due to familiarity with the subject matter.

4. New candidates must undergo an interview by regional staff; the purpose of which is to evaluate an individual's maturity and the ability to communicate.

5. After receiving a "conditional" offer of employment, each NEW candidate will be required to submit a current 2020 NYS Parks Medical form, containing a Physician's certification concerning the candidate and:

   - Candidates must meet the Agency vision requirement.
   - Candidates must be able to hear normal sounds in each ear, along with other medical standards.
   - Returning lifeguards, hired prior to 2013, will be required to submit a notarized form stating that they are physically capable of performing lifeguard duties, with no medical changes. Returning lifeguards may be required to secure a standard medical examination if there are questions concerning their physical status. All medical forms and records will be held in confidence.

6. All lifeguard candidates are subject to a criminal background check as a condition of employment.