



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.**