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Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch Notice

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## **Swim Transition Update – Swim Transition Instructor Clinic is Now Available**

The Swim Transition Instructor Clinic is now available on the Lifesaving Society Online Course Academy and for in-person delivery.

As announced earlier this year, the Canadian Red Cross is winding down its swim and lifeguard programming to focus on surging humanitarian demands in other areas – such as disaster and pandemic response, opioid harm reduction, and caregiving for seniors.

During 2022, the Canadian Red Cross is encouraging and supporting its current Water Safety Training Partners in making the transition to the swimming, lifeguarding, and aquatic leadership programs of the Lifesaving Society Canada.

Both organizations are working to make this transition opportunity as smooth as possible.

## **Swim Transition Instructor Clinic**

The Lifesaving Society and Canadian Red Cross have created special pathways by which Red Cross certification holders can transition to corresponding Lifesaving Society certifications. The opportunity to obtain Lifesaving Society certifications via these transition pathways ends December 31, 2022.

The Swim Instructor Transition Instructor Clinic introduces the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program, highlights evaluation criteria, and certifies Canadian Red Cross Water Safety Instructors as Lifesaving Society Swim Instructors. Swim Instructors will be able to begin immediate delivery of the Swim For Life program and Canadian Swim Patrol program following completion of the transition clinic.

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**Prerequisites:** Candidates must hold a Canadian Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certification (need not be current).

**Registration:** Candidates can either complete the Clinic online via the Lifesaving Society's Online Academy (<https://courses.lifesaving.org/>) or in-person with an Affiliate who is offering the Clinic in their area.

**Cost:** The registration cost is \$15.00 +GST to cover the cost of the Swim for Life Award Guide. The certification fee is being waived and there will be no charge for delivery.

## Delivery Options

The Clinic is available in both an online (self-directed) and in-person format.

**Online Academy:** Candidates can register and access the Clinic online via the Lifesaving Society's Online Academy (<https://courses.lifesaving.org/>). The Online version is fully self-directed and can be completed at anytime. Create an account on the Online Academy and get started today!

Affiliate delivery partners may contact the Society for bulk registration of instructors in order to be invoiced organizationally for the materials fee. Materials would be shipped to the affiliate for distribution. Please contact the Society for bulk registrations.

**In-Person:** Affiliates can offer the Clinic in-person and can deliver in-house. Upon completion of the Clinic, Affiliates will be required to submit a Participant Completion Form for the Society to process. In-person delivery resources for affiliate delivery partners are available at [www.LifeSaving.org](http://www.LifeSaving.org).

Please note the following:

- For in-person delivery, the following documents are now available for download at [www.LifeSaving.org](http://www.LifeSaving.org)
  - How To: Running a Swim Transition Instructor Clinic
    - This 'How To' will provide you with a step-by-step guide and checklist for facilitating the Swim Transition Instructor Clinic.
  - Swim Transition Instructor Clinic Presentation and Speaking Notes
    - This presentation is required for delivery, speaking notes have been provided.
  - Swim Transition Instructor Clinic Trainer Guide
    - This guide defines objectives and learning outcomes and provides the content outline and resources.
- The Swim Transition Instructor Clinic must be delivered by a Trainer, or an Affiliate Delivery Partner Representative.
- The Clinic is approximately 2 hours.
- The Swim for Life Award Guide must be ordered in advance. Candidates will be required to have the resource in hand for the in-person delivery. Order now by contacting [shop@lifesaving.org](mailto:shop@lifesaving.org).

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- When submitting the Participant Completion Form, Affiliates must attach copies of each participant's Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certificate.
- This is a participation clinic, not a course, there is no pass or fail.
- If you need additional support, you can contact the Lifesaving Society at [experts@lifesaving.org](mailto:experts@lifesaving.org) or (780)-415-1755

## Certification

The Society has moved to digital certification cards. Proof of certification will be available online at [www.lifesaving.org](http://www.lifesaving.org) by going to *Find A Member* and entering a Member ID. Individuals who do not have a Member ID will be issued one and will receive a membership card in the mail. Membership cards will contain information on how to access digital certifications.

Further updates regarding the Swim Transition will be coming over the next few weeks. Please keep an eye on your inbox and our website for more information.

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