

# YOUTH CAMP LICENSING STAFF REQUIREMENTS

## DIRECTOR OF AQUATICS

Proof of all current certifications must be presented during the annual camp inspection to representatives of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood to assure that individuals in key staff positions are properly qualified.

- A. Must be age 20 or older; **and**
  
- B. Must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by completing one of the following courses:
  - 1. American Heart Association-Basic Life Support (BLS)
  - 2. American Heart Association-Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS)
  - 3. American Heart Association-Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS)
  - 4. American Red Cross Lifeguarding (Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED)
  - 5. American Red Cross-Basic Life Support (BLS)
  - 6. American Red Cross-Emergency Medical Response
  - 7. American Red Cross-CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
  - 8. American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)-Basic Life Support BLS for Health Care Providers and Professional Rescuers
  - 9. Ellis & Associates, Inc.-Health Care Provider Basic Life Support
  - 10. National Safety Council-Basic Life Support for Health Care and Professional Rescuers
  - 11. Course offered by an organization using guidelines for CPR and emergency cardiovascular care published by the American Heart Association (AHA) and the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation which course includes all components required by Connecticut General Statutes

**and**

- C. Must satisfy one of the following:
  - 1. Certified in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training with First Aid. ARC trained lifeguard must also have ARC “Waterfront Lifeguard Module” for oversight of ponds, lakes, streams, rivers and oceans
  - 2. Certified in YMCA Lifeguard
  - 3. Certified Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard
  - 4. National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification (NPLQ) Royal Life Saving Society (UK)
  - 5. Certified in NLS Pool Lifeguard or NLS Waterfront Lifeguard (Canada)
  - 6. Ellis & Associates course completion or license for ILTP (for special facilities)
  - 7. Certified in Lifeguard Pro-Waterfront, Youth Camp, Swimming Pool or Deep Pool

D. When special waterfront features exist, documentation of appropriate training is required.

1. ARC Water Park Module OR
2. ARC Lifeguard Management OR
3. YMCA Lifeguard OR
4. Directors of Water Amusement Rides, Waterslides (those into bodies of water other than swimming pools) and Wave Pools must provide documentation of training from an authoritative source in waterslide and wave pool activities. The authoritative source must have published standards, guidelines or other instructional materials from a nationally recognized organization.
5. Lifeguard-Pro – Water Park certification

Camps with amusement rides, including waterslides, and wave pools must complete a Department of Consumer Protection license application for an Amusement Park Ride. Call the Department of Consumer Protection's Licensing Unit at (860) 713-6200 for any questions about the application process. Amusement rides must have approval from the Department of Consumer Protection. Visit the Department of Consumer of Consumer Protection's website @ <http://www.ct.gov/dcp/cwp/view.asp?a=1622&q=446430> Click on Amusements and scroll down to Amusement Park Ride Application.

Directors of water amusement rides, waterslides and wave pools are required to be present at the activities whenever campers or staff are involved in water amusement ride, waterslide and wave pool activities.

When there are separate and distinct waterfront areas and activities are being done concurrently, more than one on-site qualified aquatic director is required at each waterfront area.

