

LIFEGUARD

Code No: 4-15-012
COMPETITIVE*

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This lifeguarding position is responsible for patrolling a public beach or swimming pool and ensuring the safety and welfare of all bathers on the premises. Employees may be required to work rotating shifts and weekends. The employee reports directly to, and works under the general supervision of a Lifeguard Captain, Lifeguard Lieutenant, or other higher level staff member. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Stands watch and patrols a public beach or swimming pool, keeping swimmers within safe swimming boundaries;

Maintains order on the swimming premises and enforces compliance with all applicable rules and regulations;

Administers first aid and resuscitation techniques when necessary;

Assists in keeping the swimming area free from debris.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of lifesaving techniques and first aid; good knowledge of resuscitation techniques, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation; good knowledge of the use and care of lifesaving equipment; ability to swim well and make surface dives; ability to pass water safety tests at the beginning of and at any time during the season; ability to maintain order on the swimming premises; ability to follow oral and written directions; ability to effect a rescue; courtesy; ability to deal effectively with people; maturity; integrity; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Depending on the type of water facilities involved, the special requirements are as follows:

Level IIa – Pool Lifeguard Only – Possession of a valid certificate in Basic Lifeguarding from a recognized certifying agency acceptable to the New York State Department of Health such as Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED certificate issued by the American Red Cross (or, for example, the Boy Scouts or YMCA).

Level IIb – All still water including pool, lake, beach, except surf water. Possession of a valid certificate in Lifeguard Training from a recognized certifying agency acceptable to the New York State Department of Health such as a Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED with Waterfront Skills certificate issued by the American Red Cross.

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*Non-competitive for part-time and seasonal only – see the Appendices to the Rules of the Monroe County Civil Service Commission.