

LEADERSHIP RECERTIFICATION: GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Lifesaving Society's Leadership Recertification Credit System applies to all of the Society's Instructors and Examiners: Swim, Lifesaving, Boat Rescue, Boat Operator Accredited Training, First Aid, and National Lifeguard. The System is designed to recognize individual needs and interests by encouraging instructors to learn and improve through continuing education and professional development.

USE YOUR CREDIT CARD

LIFESAVING SOCIETY LEADERSHIP RECERTIFICATION CREDIT CARD			
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Please ✓ the awards you wish to recertify			
	Instructor	Examiner	Inst. Trainer
Swim	✓	X	✓
Lifesaving	✓	✓	✓
Boat Rescue		X	
BOAT		X	
First Aid	✓	✓	
National Lifeguard Service			
Other:			
For office use—date card (s) issued: _____			

The Credit Card has been designed to accommodate the recertification of any or all Lifesaving Society Instructors and their respective Examiner certifications: Swim Instructor, Lifesaving Instructor, Boat Rescue Instructor, BOAT Instructor, First Aid Instructor, and NLS Instructor.

Credit Cards are given to new Instructors on their original Instructor course, and are mailed to all Instructors and Examiners when they recertify. Blank Credit Cards are available from Affiliates, Instructor Trainers, and the Society Office. These cards are validated by the person teaching or evaluating the course or training program. Credit Cards are valid only when signed and dated in this manner. If lost, replacements are easy to come by. But if a validated Credit Card is lost it is your responsibility to have a replacement re-validated.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

- At your convenience over the two year recertification period, accumulate three credits by participating in your choice of courses, clinics, and training programs. Credits may be selected either directly from the Credit list, or by having a specific course assigned credit value by the Lifesaving Society. Lifesaving and Swim Instructors may select their credits from any course contained on the Credit List. Boat Rescue, BOAT, First Aid, and NLS Instructors must select their credits from only those courses marked with an asterisk(*). Examiners must select at least one credit from those marked with a ✓. Instructor Trainers must have taught an instructor course.
- Make sure your credit card is validated (signed and dated) and sent it to the Society Office with your recertification fees. If you recertify more than one instructor certification (e.g. Lifesaving Instructor, NLS Instructor, and First Aid Instructor) at the same time, you pay \$15.00 per recertification. Examiners recertifying their Lifesaving Society Instructor certification at the same time will be reappointed as an Examiner at no charge.
- You will receive your new Instructor card(s), valid for another two years, along with a blank Credit Card.

CAN I SAVE EXTRA CREDITS FOR NEXT TIME?

No. Credits are valid for a two-year period only. If, for example you take your NLS award in August 2005, you must collect your other credits by August 2007. Otherwise, the NLS award will have expired and you would be obliged to get another current credit.

NOT ON THE LIST? APPLY

If the course you want or the training you are taking will better prepare you to teach and/or is technically related to the Lifesaving Society program, send in a completed Application for Course Credit Rating. This application can be obtained from Affiliates, www.lifesavingsociety.ns.ca, or the Society Office.

We need the starting and finishing dates, the teachers' names, and information on the content. In assigning a credit value, we will want to know that the course also has a recording mechanism (master sheet, test sheet, etc.) which lists names, addresses and phone numbers of participants.

The credit system has been designed to recognize the dedication of the Society's many volunteers whose efforts and contributions meet the criteria for credit and are of equal value to those listed on the credit list. These Instructors are encouraged to make applications for a credit rating, detailing the volunteer services they have performed during their two year recertification period.

LEADERSHIP RECERTIFICATION: **THE CREDIT LIST** EFFECTIVE JUNE 2007

The society has assigned a credit value to the courses below. The credit value and status of these courses may change as modifications are made by the organizations responsible. Because of this, and because new training programs are continually being introduced, the credit list is updated from time to time. Courses and training programs which do not appear on this list may also be eligible for credit value. In-service and pre-seasonal training offered by employers are often given credits. For further information, see "Not On The List? Apply" on the reverse side of this page.

Lifesaving and Swim Instructors may select their three credits from any of the courses listed below. Instructors of National Lifeguard Service (NLS), First Aid, Boat Operator Accredited Training (BOAT), and Boat Rescue programs must collect their three credits from only those courses marked with an asterisk *. Examiners must select at least one credit from those items marked with a √. Instructor Trainers must have taught an Instructor course. Note: Each item or recertification of each item may be applied only once every two years. Recertification of any item listed below is worth one credit.

SECTION A: 1 CREDIT EACH

Lifesaving Society

1. √ Teaching one of the following complete courses: Lifesaving Society Swim program, Rookie, Ranger, Star, Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Basic First Aid, Emergency First Aid, CPR "A", CPR "B", CPR "C", CPR "D", CPR "HCP", coaching Junior Lifeguard Club, or Water Rescue for First Responders
2. Participation in a complete Bronze or higher course as a candidate
3. Lifesaving Society Examination Standards Clinic attendance
4. Bronze Medallion certification
5. *Bronze Cross certification
6. *Advanced Instructor certification
7. *Standard First Aid certification
8. *Boat Rescue certification
9. *√ Conducting three or more examinations as an Examiner. (Bronze Medallion or higher)
10. *National Lifeguard Service certification
11. *√ Judge/Official at Lifeguard Competition
12. *Competitor at Lifeguard Competition
13. *√ Full attendance at National conference *BOAT (Boat Operator Accredited Training) certification

Other Agencies

1. *First Aid certification
2. *CPR certification— e.g. Heart Saver, Basic Rescue
3. *Scuba Diver certification
4. *Synchro Trilliums 1-4; or Medals— Bronze, Silver, Gold
5. *ORCA Canoeing Level 1 or higher
6. YMCA Leader certification
7. YMCA Assistant Instructor or Assistant Coach certification
8. *Canadian Power and Sail Squadron Boat Pro, Ride Smart or higher certification

SECTION B: 2 CREDIT EACH

Lifesaving Society

1. *√ Teaching one of the following complete courses: Distinction, Advanced Instructor, Boat Rescue, BOAT, Standard First Aid, Oxygen Administration, AED, NLS, Exam Standards Clinic.
2. *Lifesaving Instructor certification
3. *Swim Instructor Certification
4. *Distinction certification
5. *√ Examiner
6. *√ First Aid Instructor certification
7. *√ NLS Instructor certification
8. *√ BOAT Instructor certification
9. *√ Instructor Trainer appointment (ant level)

Other Agencies

1. *Water Safety Instructor certification
2. *√ First Aid Instructor certification
3. √ Instructor Trainer appointment (any level)
4. Childsafe Instructor
5. Recreational Synchro Instructor Certification
6. *NCCP Technical level I, II, or III
7. *√ YMCA Swimming Instructor or Coach certification
8. *YMCA Trainer appointment
9. *Canoeing Instructor
10. *Snorkel Diver Instructor certification
11. *√ Scuba Instructor certification

SECTION C: 3 CREDIT EACH

Lifesaving Society

1. *√ Teaching a complete Lifesaving Society Diploma Course
2. *√ Teaching one of the following Instructor courses: Lifesaving Instructor, Swim Instructor, Boat Rescue, BOAT, First Aid, NLS
3. *Lifesaving Society Diploma Certification

CREDIT RECORD

Course: Completed in Lifesaving Series Credit Value: 1

Location: Dartmouth Sportsplex Date: March 2, 2006

Evaluator's signature: Frank Pye

Course: taught Emergency First Aid course Credit Value: 1

Location: Northcliffe Pool Date: July 12, 2006

Evaluator's signature: Thomas Smith

Course: NLS Recertification Credit Value: 1

Location: Lifplex Wellness Centre Date: March 7, 2007

Evaluator's signature: Jessica Lamb

Did you remember to:

- Enclose validated Credit Card
- Calculate recertification fee and enclose payment
- Enclose photocopy of current Bronze Cross or Higher
- Send to LIFESAVING SOCIETY, 4th Floor 5516 Spring Garden Road Halifax, NS B3J 1G6