

## How to become an Examiner Mentor

Examiner Mentors are senior Lifesaving Society Examiners appointed by the Society to mentor examiner candidates through their apprenticeship phase and approve them for examiner certification.

When working with an apprenticing examiner candidate, the Examiner Mentor is responsible for the smooth conduct of the examination, and only the Examiner Mentor (as the examiner of record) has the authority to make pass/fail decisions and sign test sheets.

This dual responsibility – evaluation of the award candidates while supervising and evaluating an apprentice examiner – is a challenging but rewarding experience.

**Prerequisites:** Examined a minimum of three exams in a specific stream.

### Process:

1. **Application** – [Complete the application form](#) and return it to the Lifesaving Society office.
2. **Learning Opportunity** – If approved, the Society will be in touch to arrange the learning opportunity.=
3. **Assessment** – After completing the learning opportunity the Society's Vice President of Training Programs will complete an assessment to determine if they are going to appoint you as an Examiner Mentor.

**Required references:** *Examiner Handbook*.

**Costs:** There is no fee for appointment as an Examiner Mentor.

**Candidate recognition:** Examiner Mentor appointment will appear on your Find a Member record.

For more information contact Member Services Manager:  
[Raegan Wiseman](#).

## 2019 Canadian Drowning Report

Seniors age 65 and older have the highest drowning rate of all age groups according to the Lifesaving Society's 2019 *Canadian Drowning Report*. Despite the long-term downward trend, high numbers of preventable drowning deaths continue to occur: 2,220 people lost their lives in Canadian waters between 2012 and 2016, the most recent year for which complete data is available. [Learn more](#).



# National Lifeguard Mythbusters – Can Instructors examine their own course?

The Society's dedicated affiliates host National Lifeguard exams frequently to ensure certified National Lifeguards stay current, and up to standard. The Society sets the "rules" for all National Lifeguard exams in its [National Lifeguard Examination Policy](#), including recertification. Over the coming issues of Currents, we'll separate fact from fiction on what's inside, or outside, the Society's National Lifeguard Examination Policy. This issue we address the myth: National Lifeguard Instructors, who are also National Lifeguard Examiners are not allowed to examine a class they taught.

Instructors who are current National Lifeguard Examiners, are not only allowed to examine their own class, the Society encourages it. This includes "pre-certs" prior to National Lifeguard recertification exams. Instructors spend dozens of hours teaching and evaluating candidates on their courses giving them the best perspective on a candidate's ability to pass (or fail) any given test item of the Society's training programs (not just National Lifeguard).

Having the course instructor, who is also a current examiner, perform the final exam not only facilitates better evaluations, it allows increased flexibility for facility programmers by reducing the amount of staff required for the course, or the need to work around an outside examiner's schedule.

The Society's *Program Guide* and National Lifeguard Examination Policy are available at [www.lifesavingnl.ca](http://www.lifesavingnl.ca).



# Volunteer Opportunity: Swim for Life Chair

The Lifesaving Society Newfoundland and Labrador seeks an enthusiastic and hard working individual to join its volunteer Training Programs Council as Swim for Life Chair.

**Purpose:** To increase the number of Swim for Life participants in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Term of Office:** Appointed by the Board of Directors to the Training Program Council for a term of two years.

**Reporting Relationship:** To the Board of Directors as required; To the Training Programs Council as required.

## Responsibilities:

1. Establish bi-annual objectives and action plans to increase participation in the Swim for Life program.
2. Increase number of affiliates offering the Swim for Life program.
  - Prepare presentations and meet with Affiliates to promote the use of the Swim for Life program.
  - Ensure there are a sufficient number of Swim for Life Instructors to support the program.
  - Schedule and run an annual Swim for Life affiliate meeting to gather feedback for improvements to the program.
3. Liaise with national and provincial swim program counterparts.
4. Chair the Swim committee, including:
  - Recruit committee members
  - Assign responsibilities
  - Recognize volunteer committee members.
5. Attend training program council meetings and the Annual General Meeting.
6. Report to Training Programs council on status of established objectives and action plans.
7. Prepare an annual report on activities and accomplishments.

Interested persons should send their resume to [info@lifesavingnl.ca](mailto:info@lifesavingnl.ca). Additional information can be found on the Society's website through [Find a Job](#).

# New Sports Deluxe First Aid Kit



Attention coaches, trainers and team managers!

The Society's new Sports Deluxe First Aid Kit contains a comprehensive assortment of first aid supplies for the treatment of sport-related injuries or illnesses. Hard case to protect first aid contents. Includes personal protection supplies, a variety of bandages, dressings and splint materials.

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The Lifesaving Society is a national, volunteer organization and registered charity working to prevent drowning and water-related injury. Annually, over 1,000,000 Canadians participate in the Society's swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training programs. The Society sets the standard for aquatic safety in Canada and certifies Canada's National Lifeguards.