

Lifeguard

DEFINITION

This work is associated with life guarding customers at facilities.

Work in this classification involves ensuring the safety of customers and staff using the facilities, reacting to emergency conditions, performing first aid, performing maintenance to the swimming pool and mechanical systems, performing water tests, adjusting chemical feed equipment, maintaining accurate records and when required, directing the work of non-permanent Lifeguards, Recreation Facility Attendants, Facility Serviceperson, and Aquatic Instructors on a shift-by-shift basis.

Supervision and performance assessment is received from the Facility Foreman who reviews work, evaluates progress on performance expectations and assesses services rendered to the customers.

TYPICAL DUTIES*

Lifeguard, safeguard and supervise the customers using the facility in accordance with established policies and procedures.

React to emergency situations and perform first aid as required.

Prepare and submit administrative reports as required.

Provide lead hand direction to temporary Lifeguards, Recreation Facility Attendants, Facility Serviceperson and Aquatic Instructors on a shift-by-shift basis.

Check and regulate chemical feed equipment to ensure adherence to public health standards, adjust and make minor repairs to equipment and backwash filters.

Take and record water test results according to a schedule.

Direct and perform maintenance duties including the cleaning of the swimming pool, locker rooms, washrooms, offices and other amenities located within facility.

Act as a shift supervisor in the absence of the Facility Foreman or Facility Programmer.

Provide quality customer service to facility patrons.

Perform related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques employed in water safety, lifesaving activities and first aid.

Knowledge of the technical aspects of operating an aquatic facility.

Knowledge of the public health, occupational health, construction and provincial operating guidelines related to the operation of an aquatic facility.

Ability to communicate effectively through reports, letters, memos, telephone, individually with people and with groups.

Ability to recognize emergency situations and react accordingly.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**Job Level**

Completion of the twelfth school grade. Minimum of 18 years of age. Willing to complete the applicable in-service programs. Possession of National Lifeguard Service Certificate - L.S.S.C., Aquatic Emergency Care Award - L.S.S.C., Basic C.P.R. certification and Bronze Cross - L.S.S.C. or lifeguard certification which has been recognized and approved by the Community Services department. All certifications must be kept current according to the certification organization standards.

Lifeguards must successfully complete the Swimming Pool Operators Certificate, Level I - A.A.R.F.P., Red Cross Instructor award or equivalent as recognised and approved by the Community Services Department, within one year of appointment to permanent status, these certificates would be an asset for all non-permanent lifeguards.

** This is a class specification and not an individualized job description. A class specification represents and defines the general character, scope of duties and responsibilities of all positions within a specific job classification. It is not intended to describe nor does it necessarily list the essential job functions for a specific position in a classification. Positions may perform some of the duties listed above but this does not necessarily qualify for placement into this classification.*

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