

Lifesaving Society extends validity of vocational awards

New Brunswick

Fredericton, June 1, 2020 – The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of aquatic facilities and the cancellation of certification and recertification courses. To support aquatic staff and the re-opening of aquatic facilities, the Lifesaving Society will extend the validity of awards required for employment that expire March 1, 2020 or after.

Specifically, the Society will extend the currency of these awards for a period of 90 days from the date Government of New Brunswick allows aquatic facilities to re-open. Based on what we know today, the extension would begin June 5, 2020 and continue until September 3, 2020.

Lifesaving Society certification cards will not be reprinted. Aquatic employers and employees do not need to take any actions to qualify for the extensions.

The Society continues to be guided by the advice of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the recommendations of provincial public health and workplace safety authorities.

Rest assured that the Society will ensure that instructors and lifeguards are eligible to work when New Brunswick aquatic facilities reopen and that the Society's instructors, examiners and trainers can resume leadership training when the current public health restrictions are lifted on June 5, 2020.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Hebb, Member Services Manager (sarahh@lifesavingnb.ca).