

Examiner Mentor

As of September 1, 2019 future Bronze, First Aid and National Lifeguard Examiners must do their co-exam(s) with a current examiner who has been appointed as an Examiner Mentor. Examiner Mentor is a new designation and refers to senior Lifesaving Society examiners appointed by the Society to mentor examiner candidates through their apprenticeship phase and approve them for examiner certification.

An initial group of experienced examiners who have conducted a minimum of three exams and have strong leadership and administrative skills, will be offered appointments as Examiner Mentors by the Society in June. They will be asked to accept the responsibilities outlined in the Examiner Mentor job description:

- Provide effective apprenticeship experiences for examiner candidates including evaluation of their performance and guidance on their professional development as potential Lifesaving Society examiners.
- Complete Lifesaving Society administrative requirements in a timely manner including completion of training records for the apprenticing examiner candidate.
- Assist in the identification, recruitment and development of potential Lifesaving Society examiners.
- Act as expert resources to Lifesaving Society apprenticing examiner candidates in matters related to Lifesaving Society evaluation standards.
- Attend Examiner Mentor workshops and clinics as required.

For more information, contact Member Services Manager:
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Society Releases 2019 Drowning Report

Drowning fatalities continue to decline in Newfoundland and Labrador according to the Society's most recent Drowning Report, but the drowning rate for the province remains nearly double the national average. Fishing is the most common recreational activity when drowning occurs, and males continue to account for 95% of drowning deaths. Learn [more](#).



Society welcomes new VP Finance

Maria Viscount joined the Lifesaving Society's Board of Directors as VP Finance at the Society's AGM in May. Maria, who earned her National Lifeguard certification in 2000, is a Chartered Professional Account employed with Nalcor Energy as a Senior Financial Analyst. She brings strong volunteer board experience to the Society, most recently working as Treasure on Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors.



National Lifeguard Mythbusters – The Pre-cert

The Society's dedicated affiliates host National Lifeguard Recertifications 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. In this issue we address the myth: you **must** attend a pre-cert prior to a National Lifeguard recertification.

Pre-cert is a training session offered for candidates before a National Lifeguard recertification. Although some affiliates may mandate staff training prior to a National Lifeguard recertification, it is not a requirement in the National Lifeguard Examination Policy. The only prerequisite required to attend a National Lifeguard recertification exam is a National Lifeguard certification.

It is important to remember that recertification exams typically do not schedule additional practice or instruction time, so come prepared. If you need to brush up on your skills, attending a pre-cert is a good idea.

The Society's *Program Guide* and National Lifeguard Examination Policy are available at www.lifesavingnl.ca.

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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.