

**ANNOUNCEMENT** 

Newfoundland and Labrador

## Lifesaving Society extends validity of vocational awards

**June 17, 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 reopening of aquatic facilities, the Lifesaving Society will extend the validity of awards required for employment that expire on or after March 1, 2020.

Specifically, the Society will extend the currency of these awards for a period of 90 days from the date the government of Newfoundland and Labrador allows aquatic facilities and recreation centres to re-open.

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 Public Health Agency of Canada and the recommendations of the provincial public health 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.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Raegan Wiseman, Chief Executive Officer (raeganw@lifesavingnl.ca)