

## LIFE GUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This work consists primarily of routine patrol tasks at a bathing beach or swimming pool, looking after the safety and welfare of the swimmers. There is considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergencies. Incumbents must be constantly alert and employ lifesaving rescue techniques to assist swimmers who are experiencing difficulty. A lifeguard is also responsible for enforcing the safety rules. An error in judgment might result in loss of life. The work is performed under supervision in accordance with established policies and procedures. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Stands watch or patrols bathing beach, swimming pool and surrounding area keeping swimmers within bounds and going to their aid when they are in difficulty; Applies resuscitation techniques and otherwise renders first aid; May conduct swimming instruction for different levels of skill if additional water safety instructor certification is obtained; Keeps the beach and/or pool area free of glass and other debris; Performs routine custodial or maintenance work, such as, cleaning locker rooms, disposing of garbage, and hosing down decks at a swimming pool or beach; Maintains safe and orderly environment; Enforces compliance with applicable beach or swimming pool rules.

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of first aid, life saving and rescue work as applied to accidents in the water; Ability to swim well; Ability to deal with the public and to secure cooperation without necessary antagonism; Ability to perform routine custodial and maintenance work; Ability to keep records and to make simple reports and arithmetic computations; Good observation; Mental alertness; Good moral character; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Must be at least 16 years old at time of appointment. (15 years is acceptable if employed at a facility where a supervisory lifeguard is present at all times.)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer Certification, and First Aid/CPR/AED Certification at time of appointment.

Note: Lifeguarding and First Aid Certification must be renewed every 2 years, while CPR and AED Certification must be renewed every year.

Note: Water Safety Instructor Certification may be taken separately from Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, and must be acquired in order to teach swimming lessons.

Note: Waterfront Certification may be taken separately and is only required for beachfront lifeguarding.

SUPERVISING LIFEGUARDS: Must be at least 18 years old, and have at least 2 seasons of lifeguarding experience.

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