



April 9, 2020

In light of current COVID-19 circumstances, the Lifesaving Society is re-evaluating program launch dates to reduce pressure for Affiliates, Instructors and Trainers. We recognize that many of our Affiliates are currently planning programs for fall and winter schedules and leisure guides and felt it timely to provide more realistic timeframes.

LIFESAVING INSTRUCTOR (LSI) RECERTIFICATION

The Lifesaving Instructor (LSI) Recertification materials will be ready for purchase in the SHOP as of May 1, 2020. Affiliates can begin running LSI Recertifications once the Provincial Health Services Authority announces that aquatic facilities and recreation centres are allowed to re-open.

BRONZE MEDAL FAMILY

To provide time for Lifesaving Instructors to be recertified and comfortable with the new Bronze Medals program content, we are **delaying the launch of the new Bronze programs until January 4, 2021.**

LIFESAVING INSTRUCTOR (LSI) - NEW COURSE

The new Lifesaving Instructor full course launch will be postponed until January 4, 2021. This allows current Lifesaving Instructors and Lifesaving Trainers time to metabolize the new Leadership Competencies and changes to the Bronze family content.

Affiliates can offer the current LSI course to the public until January 3, 2021.

In the interest of ensuring resources are moving us forward in programs, the Lifesaving Society will not be creating a course to combine the current LSI program with the new Bronze revisions. The current LSI program will remain as is and those taking the program will need to complete a Lifesaving Instructor (LSI) Recertification to be able to teach the new Bronze Medal Family.

We recognize that this may be a challenge to your Instructor course candidates, so our suggestion is to program the current LSI course (24 hours) and the LSI Recertification (7 hours) back to back. The Lifesaving Society will waive the additional \$66 LSI Recertification candidate fee for all first time LSI candidates who complete the combined course and recertification.

Additionally, new LSIs being trained under the current LSI program will not have to complete an apprenticeship to obtain their LSI certification. Whereas, the new LSI course will require LSIs to complete an apprenticeship to obtain certification based on overwhelming requests from Affiliates to have Lifesaving Instructors deck ready upon certification.

Changes to Program Timelines – April 8, 2020

The following chart breaks down course logistics for when the current LSI course and the 2020 LSI Recertification are programmed together:

Logistics	Current LSI Course	2020 LSI Recertification	Current LSI Course & Recertification Combined
Purpose and focus	To teach Instructors how to effectively and safely plan, teach and evaluate lifesaving programs	To update LSIs on the new Bronze Medals programs and transition LSIs to the new Competency-based Leadership System	To teach Instructors to teach the current program. Once Instructors have demonstrated they can teach, provide Instructors with new program content for programs launched in January 2021.
Hours (excluding breaks and wet/dry transitions)	24 hours	7 hours	31 hours
Who can teach the course	Current Lifesaving Trainers	Current Lifesaving Trainers who have taken the 2020 LSI Recertification	Current Lifesaving Trainers who have taken the 2020 LSI Recertification
Candidate fee	\$42.00	\$66.00	\$42.00
Cost of Resources	\$60.00	\$64.00	\$124.00
Course Fee Totals	\$102.00	\$130.00	\$166.00
Resources	<p>Lifesaving Instructor Kit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSI Course Manual Instructor Notes Bronze Medals Award Guide Canadian Swim Patrol Award Guide Additional Branch Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifesaving Instructor Recertification Guide Trainer Reference Manual Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Manual 2020 Bronze Medals Award Guide Additional Branch Resources 	<p>All the Materials from both the current LSI course and the 2020 LSI Recertification</p> <p>There is no decrease in cost of resources for the combined course as they are entirely different with no cross-over.</p>

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APPRENTICESHIP SUPERVISORS

January 4, 2021 will now replace the previously set date of July 1, 2020 for all those who are supervising apprenticeships for any stream to have undergone the Apprenticeship Supervisor process. At this time, we continue to receive Apprenticeship Supervisor applications. Successful applications are forwarded to National Trainers to set up course observations once the Provincial Health Services Authority indicates it is safe to resume operations.

To qualify to become an Apprenticeship Supervisor, an Instructor or Trainer must be current and active in the stream they wish to supervise. Applications are located in the Leadership Resources online at lifesaving.bc.ca.

If an Instructor or Trainer was previously a Mentor in their stream and wishes to supervise an apprenticeship before January 4, 2021, contact the Branch at brookec@lifesaving.bc.ca with course name, date & potential apprentice to request approval, issued on a case by case basis.

DATES TO NOTE

March 8, 2020	All National Trainers were certified to teach the 2020 Lifesaving Instructor Recertification and the new Lifesaving Instructor full course
March 31, 2020	Last day the current Lifesaving Instructor Recertification (2017-2019) can be offered by Affiliates
May 1, 2020	Resources for the 2020 Lifesaving Instructor Recertification are available online for purchase in the SHOP
August 31, 2020	All LSIs who received the LSI Extension expire
Upon the announcement from Provincial Health Services Authority that aquatic/recreation facilities are allowed to re-open	<ul style="list-style-type: none">National and Branch vocational awards expiring as of March 1, 2020, until the date facilities are permitted to reopen will be extended for 90 days from the date facilities are permitted to reopen. This includes all Lifesaving, First Aid, National Lifeguard, Instructor (LSI, FAI, NLI) and Trainer certifications.Affiliates can offer the 2020 Lifesaving Instructor RecertificationNational Trainers will reach out to their regions to reschedule Agency Meetings
January 3, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day the current Lifesaving Instructor Course can be offeredLast day to offer the current Bronze Family programsAll LSIs who were trained under the current LSI program expire if they have not taken the 2020 Lifesaving Instructor Recertification
January 4, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Affiliates can offer the new Lifesaving Instructor CourseAffiliates can offer the new Bronze Medals ProgramsAll those supervising course apprenticeships will have undergone the Apprenticeship Supervisor process

For questions or clarification, contact the Branch office at awards@lifesaving.bc.ca or 604.299.5450.