

Prerequisite Policy

Prerequisites are awards or certifications that must be earned prior to the start date of the course to which they apply.

Please note the following:

Proof of prerequisites must be available to the Instructor on the first day of the course. If prerequisites are not shown, we recommend that the candidate not be allowed to continue in the program as the Branch office will not allow exemptions/exceptions under any circumstances.

Acceptable proof of prerequisites can be:

- Lifesaving Society temporary card (within 60 days)
- Lifesaving Society issued award or certification card
- First Aid certification card issued from St. John's Ambulance, Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, Canadian Red Cross, or Canadian Ski Patrol.
- Find a Member print-out with a verification code.

If an award or certification is taken concurrently, it will be deemed to have been earned in the correct order.

Age prerequisites must be attained by the last day of the course and can be confirmed by a birth certificate, passport, medical card, or any other legal document/identification.

Candidates holding certifications from other provinces will be required to transfer their awards to the BC & Yukon Branch before a permanent card can be issued.

International certifications are not recognized.