

1.2.13 SWIMMING POOL SUPERVISOR

Nature of the work

The principal and customary work of an employee in this class of employment consists, when courses or other activities take place in the school's swimming pool, in supervising students and other swimmers and in assisting them when in need.

Characteristic functions

The employee in this class of employment enforces swimming pool safety regulations; he or she ensures that the number of swimmers complies with the regulations, that there are no dangerous objects in the swimming pool and that the pool walkway is obstacle free.

He or she rescues people in danger according to recognized techniques, resuscitates them, as needed and administers first aid.

He or she evacuates swimmers and prohibits access to the pool whenever he or she feels that safety cannot be assured.

He or she makes sure that safety equipment, such as poles, buoys and first-aid kits, is complete and in good condition; records, in an appropriate logbook, any observation pertinent to the equipment; maintains the filtration equipment.

He or she may also be required to check the water temperature, test the pH and chlorine levels and add the necessary chemicals in order to obtain the required water quality.

He or she informs swimmers of safety regulations and, if necessary, explains certain specific aspects.

He or she prepares reports on, among other things, water quality, accidents and compliance with regulations.

He or she may keep the keys to the pool premises and, consequently, lock and unlock doors and fences.

Besides being responsible for the upkeep and cleaning of the pool and premises, the employee may perform those duties himself or herself.

If need be, he or she performs any other related duty.

Required qualifications

Hold one of the following certificates:

- National Lifeguard Certificate awarded by the Lifesaving Society;
- Water Safety and Lifesaving Instructor Certificate awarded by the Canadian Red Cross and the Lifesaving Society;
- Swimming and Lifesaving Instructor Certificate awarded by an authorized YMCA or YWCA.