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| REC-POL-019          | Public Pools and Water Attractions                |
| Revision: 1.0        | Red Cross Lifeguard Certificates and CPR Training |
| Approved: 09/28/2023 | Wis. Admin. Code: ATCP 76                         |

### 1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to clarify cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training requirements that are part of the Lifeguard certificate. For all approved Lifeguard courses other than Red Cross and Anderson 360, the CPR component of the Lifeguard certificate is renewed annually as part of the entire Lifeguard certificate. For Red Cross Lifeguard and Anderson 360 (which is based on Red Cross Lifeguard), there is only a requirement for CPR training to be completed every two years. This two-year expiration is not in compliance with the 2018 Model Aquatic Health Code, which the revised ATCP 76 refers to. Chapter ATCP 76 now requires Lifeguard courses to meet criteria as described in the 2018 Model Aquatic Health Code.

The department recognizes that many aquatic staff have taken or are planning to take a Red Cross Lifeguard course in 2022 or 2023. This scheduling would cause them to need to take an additional CPR course in the near future and this has created an unexpected operational challenge. To address the challenge, the department will consider a Red Cross Lifeguard certificate earned in 2023 or earlier, including the CPR training portion of that Lifeguard certificate, valid until the entire certificate expires. For example, if a Red Cross Lifeguard certificate was earned on December 31, 2023, that entire certificate, including the CPR training portion, is valid until December 31, 2025. For Lifeguard Certificates issued beginning January 1, 2024, CPR certification must be completed annually.

### Scope

This policy applies to Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Sanitarians and agent program Sanitarians who are inspecting public pools and water attractions that are staffed by a lifeguard.

### Definitions

- 1.1 “Lifeguard” means a person holding a current certificate from a course that meets the criteria for lifeguarding, first aid, CPR, and AED training and certification set forth in the 2018 Model Aquatic Health Code or as approved by the department.

**2.0 Responsibilities**

2.1 Sanitarians are expected to ensure that Lifeguards at a public swimming pool or water attraction have completed an approved Lifeguard course, including the annual professional CPR training. Currently, all courses listed on 'Approved Courses' include annual professional CPR training except Red Cross and Anderson360 (which is Red Cross-based).

**3.0 Procedure**

- 3.1 Sanitarians who encounter any Lifeguard certificate that is expired in violation of ATCP 76.23 shall follow the Closing Criteria in ATCP 76.30.
- 3.2 Sanitarians who find current certificates from approved Lifeguard courses other than Red Cross or Anderson 360 shall consider those certificates to represent compliance with ATCP 76.23.
- 3.3 Sanitarians who encounter a current Red Cross or Anderson 360 Lifeguard certificate shall ensure that
  - 3.3.1.1 A course completed by December 31, 2023 is valid for two years, including the CPR training portion.
  - 3.3.1.2 A course completed on or after January 1, 2024 is valid for two years, with the CPR training portion valid for one year. An approved CPR course must be completed annually.

**4.0 References**

- 4.1 Approved Courses

**5.0 Document History**

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