

**Jeff Ellis & Associates (JEA) Lifeguard Licensing**

<p><b>Licensing vs. Certification</b></p>	<p><b>Licensing:</b> JEA offers a license to work as a lifeguard at facilities that hire them. This license is granted after successful completion of their <b>training</b> program. The license is specific to the facility where you are hired and needs to be renewed regularly.</p> <p><b>Certification:</b> Other organizations (like the Red Cross or YMCA) offer certification that proves you've met the basic lifeguard standards, and those certifications are typically accepted at various pools or recreational facilities across the country</p>
<p><b>Pre-Test</b></p>	<p>JEA has a <b>pre-test</b> that all candidates must complete before beginning the lifeguard training course. This test assesses your ability to perform the physical tasks necessary for lifeguarding. It typically includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Swim Test:</b> The pre-test requires swimming a certain distance (often 300-500 yards depending on the facility's requirements). This is to ensure you have the swimming endurance required for the job.</li><li>• <b>Treading Water:</b> Treading water for several minutes, which tests your ability to stay afloat in case you need to rescue someone.</li><li>• <b>Water Rescue Skills:</b> You may need to perform basic rescue techniques, including retrieving a victim from the water or demonstrating spinal injury management.</li></ul> <p>The pre-test ensures that only candidates who can meet the physical demands of lifeguarding proceed to the full training course.</p>
<p><b>Training Process</b></p>	<p>The training process with JEA typically includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Classroom &amp; Online Learning:</b> You'll complete both in-person classroom sessions and online learning modules covering basic lifeguarding skills, CPR, First Aid, AED usage, and emergency response procedures.</li><li>• <b>In-Water Skills:</b> In addition to the theory portion, you'll also participate in in-water training where you'll demonstrate your ability to perform rescues, CPR, and other lifeguard duties.</li><li>• <b>Final Exam:</b> After completing the course, you'll need to pass a practical exam and written test to demonstrate your knowledge and skills.</li></ul> <p>JEA's training focuses heavily on facility-specific protocols, and they also provide regular ongoing training and evaluations for lifeguards while they are working at those facilities. This helps ensure their lifeguards are always prepared for any situation.</p>
<p><b>Certification / License Duration</b></p>	<p><b>Certification Duration:</b> The JEA lifeguard license is typically valid for <b>one year</b>.</p> <p><b>Recertification:</b> To maintain your license, you'll need to complete periodic <b>recertification training</b> and pass refresher courses. These are often required annually and may include updated training in CPR, First Aid, AED, and new lifeguard techniques.</p>
<p><b>Comparison to Other Lifeguard Certifications</b></p>	<p>JEA Lifeguard License:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Focused on specific facilities</b> that hire JEA lifeguards, ensuring you are trained to meet the standards of those facilities.</li><li>• <b>Offers ongoing evaluations and training</b> to ensure lifeguards remain prepared throughout their employment.</li><li>• <b>License is valid for one year</b> and must be renewed annually through training and exams.</li></ul> <p><b>Red Cross, YMCA, etc. Certifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Broader acceptance</b> at multiple facilities around the country, as they provide a <b>general certification</b> that is recognized nationwide.</li><li>• <b>Certicate is usually valid for 2 years</b> before requiring a renewal (with some specific courses requiring annual recertification).</li><li>• Typically, these certifications are valid at any pool or facility that recognizes the certification, but you may still need to meet facility-specific requirements.</li></ul>