



Starter Checklist

Prerequisite(s)

Must be a *minimum* of 18 years of age

Must be certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a *minimum* of three (3) months

Must have worked *at least* four (4) sessions at a *minimum* of two (2) meets since Stroke & Turn certification

Step 1: Education & Training

- ☐ Complete online, video-based modules through USA Swimming University
 1. [Starter Certification Course](#) with a *minimum* passing score of 80% (90 minutes)

Step 2: Approval by Officials Committee

- ☐ Complete [Request for Certification & Advancement](#)
*Please note that approval from the Officials Committee is **required** prior to moving to Step 3: Apprentice*

Step 3: Apprentice

- ☐ Complete [On-Deck Training Sessions](#) shadowing certified official(s)
Session Requirements:
 - *minimum* of four (4) sessions total over two (2) meets with two (2) Trainers
 - sessions must include strokes and/or relays
 - time trials and freestyle only sessions shall *not* count toward these requirements
 - only USA/MI Swimming sanctioned and/or approved meets may be used for certification

Step 4: Certification

- ☐ Submit [MI Swimming Application for Certification](#)
Must complete certification within one (1) year from month of completed clinic