

LSC Recertification Maintenance

LSC Officials

All of the information you need for recertification is located in the Standard for Certification of Officials document. This document is currently housed under Officials/How to Become an Official on the USAS website.

How do I know if my LSC Certifications are expiring?

Log in to OTS and select My Official History. Under the LSC Certification tabs, review your expiration dates for each certification.

What is required to be a Member in Good Standing?

If your APT, Concussion, Background checks, and, if required, CANRA and Membership are up to date, then you are considered a Member in Good Standing.

To check the expiration for each of these items, you can either run your Official History Report under Reporting or look at the Education/Course Catalog tab and select Officials and Membership Requirements.

What are the clinic requirements?

The new Foundations online certification videos are the only approved clinics for recertification at this time. Every three years, officials must complete the training clinic that corresponds to their highest level of LSC certification. See the list below. The Foundation online certification clinics are all located under the Education/Course Catalog/Official tabs.

- For Referees, take the Referee online training clinic.
- For Starters, the Starter online training clinic is required.
- For Admin Officials (who are not Referees), take the Admin online training clinic.
- For Stroke and Turn Officials, the Stroke and Turn online training clinic must be completed.
- There is currently no course available for the Chief Judge position, so clinic options are up to the LSC.

But aren't these Foundation online clinics for apprentices?

Technically, yes, but online clinics designed for recertifying officials are still in the planning stage and not yet available. The current certification clinics are required until those new clinics are online.

What are the session requirements?

Each certification has a slightly different requirement for session completion. The best option is to check the Standard for Certification of Officials document. However, similar to the clinic/testing requirements, the session requirements start with the highest level of certification to maintain all levels. The exception is that anyone who has an admin certification and not a referee will have to complete the session requirements for admin and the other position.

To determine quickly if you have enough sanctioned sessions to recertify, look at your LSC certification page. The session totals next to each certification are the number of sanctioned sessions you have completed from the certification expiration period minus 3 years. Example, if your ST expires 12/31/2025, all sessions from 12/31/2022 through 12/31/2025 will be counted. Note that this count will reset for the next 3 years once you have been recertified.

Do all sessions count?

Only qualified recertification sessions, as defined in the document and below, count towards recertification. Apprentice sessions may not be used toward recertification. It is your responsibility to be accountable for the type of sessions being completed and applicable towards recertification.

Qualified Recertification Sessions are Sessions officiated by certified officials which count towards the Recertification requirements listed in this document. In order for a Session to count as a Qualified Recertification Session, it must meet the following criteria: 1) the Session must include strokes and/or relays; 2) the Session must not be a Time Trial; 3) the Session must not contain only freestyle events, even if including both individual freestyle events and freestyle relays; 4) the Session must occur at a meet which is either a Sanctioned USA Swimming meet, a YMCA meet for which an LSC has issued an approval (as defined in USA Swimming Rule 202.6), or, for no more than 25% of any official's total required qualified Recertification Sessions, an NCAA National or Conference Championship meet.

What else do I need to do?

Your LSC Officials Chair will take care of the rest. Keep checking OTS to make sure your sessions are recorded accurately throughout the seasons. This will help make future recertifications a breeze.