

## BCYF 2026 Aquatic Certification Courses

**Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF).** Identifies that lifeguarding is a high-demand skill, but BCYF's commitment to making training accessible for the city of Boston and its communities.

If you are looking to get certified but plan to work for **another organization** (like the YMCA, a private fitness club, or a summer camp), BCYF can still act as your "navigation hub" to help you avoid the typical **\$300–\$400** out-of-pocket costs.

### How BCYF Supports Non-BCYF Placements

While our primary mission is staffing city pools, BCYF maintains partnerships to ensure the entire Boston aquatic ecosystem is safe for the summer. Here is how we can help you:

- **DCR Partnership:** If you intend to work for the **Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)**—which manages state pools and beaches like Castle Island or Revere Beach—BCYF can help you enroll in **DCR-sponsored courses**. Or provide guidance to obtain pre-authorization to attend the BCYF course. These are often **free** if you commit to working for the state for the summer season. We are happy to accommodate if pre-authorized in writing by the Regional Pool and Waterfront Safety Manager.
- **Low-Cost Pathways:** For those heading to non-profits like the **YMCA** or **Boys & Girls Clubs**, BCYF may provide guidance on this option or referral.

**Pre-Approval Assistance:** Some partner agencies require a "referral" or pre-approval to access their discounted training slots. BCYF staff can point you in the direction to verify your eligibility.

### Your Next Steps

To take advantage of these partnerships and secure your spot in one of our certification course at low or no cost, you should respond to the BCYF Aquatics Regional Operations Manager: [gloria.johnsonjesionek@boston.gov](mailto:gloria.johnsonjesionek@boston.gov) with the following details:

1. **Identify your target employer:** Let them know if you have a specific organization in mind (e.g., "I'm hoping to work at the YMCA" or "I'm interested in DCR state pools/beaches").
2. **Request "Partner Guidance":** Specifically ask for the contact information or a "pre-approval" email from their external partner agencies to BCYF's Aquatics Regional Operations Manager.

3. **Confirm your age:** Note that many of the free "Lifeguard In Training" programs are specifically geared toward high school students (ages 16 – Over).

| <b>Location:</b>  | <b>2026 Dates</b>         | <b>Days &amp; Times:</b>   | <b>Instructors</b>                            | <b>Blended /Reg</b>         |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Paris St. Pool -<br/>113 Paris Street,<br/>East Boston, MA<br/>02128</b>   | <b>May</b>                | <b>May 2,2026 - June 6,2026<br/>6 - Consecutive -<br/>Saturday's<br/>Time:<br/>12:00 PM — 4:30 PM</b>                    | <b>Jose V.<br/>Paul M.</b>                    | <b>In person<br/>Reg</b>    |
| <b>Charlestown Pool<br/>255 Medford St.<br/>Charlestown, MA<br/>02129</b>     | <b>May 2 -<br/>May 30</b> | <b>May 2, 9, 16, 23 &amp; 30,<br/>2026<br/>5 Consecutive Saturdays<br/>Time:<br/>12:00 - 4:00 PM</b>                     | <b>Mamadou<br/>Bah<br/>Jason<br/>Morrison</b> | <b>Blended<br/>Learning</b> |
| <b>Flaherty Pool-<br/>160 Florence St.,<br/>Roslindale, MA<br/>02131</b>      | <b>May -<br/>June</b>     | <b>May 23 - June 16, 2026<br/>4- Consecutive -<br/>Saturday's<br/>Time:<br/>10:00 am - 4:30 pm</b>                       | <b>Louis B.<br/>Bladimil P.<br/>Vytis C.</b>  | <b>Blended<br/>Learning</b> |
| <b>Mildred Ave.<br/>Pool -<br/>5 Mildred Ave.,<br/>Mattapan, MA<br/>02126</b> | <b>June</b>               | <b>Dates added soon</b>  | <b>LeKeith H.<br/>Vytis Cox<br/>Jitarra E</b> |                             |
| <b>Lifeguard<br/>Recertification<br/>Classes</b>                              | <b>2026<br/>Dates</b>     | <b>Days &amp; Times:</b>   | <b>Instructors</b>                            | <b>Blended<br/>/Reg</b>     |
| <b>Mason - 159<br/>Norfolk Ave,<br/>Roxbury, MA<br/>02119</b>                 | <b>May</b>                | <b>LG Recertification<br/>Saturday, May 2nd<br/>10:00 am - 4:30 pm<br/><br/>Saturday, May 9th<br/>10:00 am - 4:30 pm</b> | <b>Louis B.<br/>Ramon R.</b>                  |                             |
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