

Red Cross Swim to Swim for Life



This chart is guidance on Lifesaving Society Swim for Life program conversions, or request a swim assessment

If your child is under 3 years of age:		Completed Red Cross Swim Level:	Then Register in Lifesaving Society's:
Is 4-12 months old and ready to learn and enjoy the water with parents		Starfish	P&T 1 - Jellyfish (4 – 12 months)
Is 13- 24 months old and ready to learn and enjoy the water with parents		Duck	P&T 2 - Goldfish (12 – 24 months)
Is 2-4 years old and ready to learn and enjoy the water with parents		Sea turtle	P&T 3 - Seahorse (2 – 3 years)
If your child is 3-5 years old and can:		Completed Red Cross Swim Level:	Then register in Lifesaving Society's:
Is 3-5 years and starting lessons on their own		no lessons	PS 1 - Octopus
☐ Jump into chest-deep water assisted ☐ Float and glide on front assisted ☐ Blow bubbles and get face wet unassisted ☐ Float and glide on back assisted		Sea Otter	PS 2 - Crab
☐ Jump into chest deep water unassisted ☐ Submerge and exhale underwater 3 times ☐ Roll from front to back & back to front with a PFD on ☐ Kick on front for 5m		Salamander	PS 3 - Orca
☐ Jump into deep water with a PFD ☐ Hold breath underwater for 3 seconds ☐ Float on front and back for 5 seconds ☐ Glide on front and back unassisted		Sunfish	PS 4 - Sea Lion or Swimmer 1 if 6 yrs.+
☐ Jump into deep water and swim to☐ Pick up a ring from the bottom of t		Crocodile or Whale	PS 5 - Narwhal or Swimmer 2 if 6 yrs.+
If your child is 6 years of age or older and can:		Completed Red Cross Swim Level:	Then register in Lifesaving Society's:
Is 6-12 years old with no previous lesson experience Is 6-12 years old with some lesson experience		Swim Kids 1, Sea Otter, Salamander or Sunfish	Swimmer 1
☐ Jump into chest-deep water unassisted and into deep water in a PFD☐ Open eyes, exhale and hold breath underwater☐ Float, kick and glide on front and back		Swim Kids 2, Crocodile or Whale	Swimmer 2
☐ Jump into deep water and do a sideways entry wearing a PFD☐ Surface support for 15 sec☐ Front and back crawl for 10m each		Swim Kids 3 or 4	Swimmer 3
☐ Surface support for 30 sec ☐ Whip kick on back	☐ Kneeling dive and somersaults☐ Front and back crawl 15m	Swim Kids 5	Swimmer 4
☐ Complete swim to survive challeng☐ Standing dive	ge:Roll-tread(1min)-Swim(50) Swim underwater	Swim Kids 6	Swimmer 5
☐ Shallow dive and cannonball☐ Front and back crawl 50m	☐ Eggbeater and scissor kick ☐ breastroke 25m ☐ Sprint 25m	Swim Kids 7	Swimmer 6
☐ Stride entry and compact jumps ☐ Back and front crawl 100m	☐ Legs only surface support 45sec. ☐ Head-up front crawl ☐ 300m workout	Swim Kids 8	Swimmer 7 - Rookie Patrol
		Swim Kids 9	Swimmer 8 - Ranger Patrol
by regio	nal i Recreation Centre	Swim Kids 10	Swimmer 9 - Star Patrol