

CRITERIA FOR EDUCATORS ELEGIBLE FOR THE LEARN TO SWIM TRAINING

- 80% of the identified teachers must be class room based educators
- SA Schools Aquatics will be funding **12 full-time educators** selected by the Provincial Schools Committee with the support of the federation. If a province does not have 12 (twelve) full-time educators to attend the course, a **maximum of 20%** can be sports coaches or coordinators that are employed by the schools
- The educators must be able to swim A waterman ship assessment will be conducted **before the course**. If no one is found not yet competent, he/she will not be allowed to sit on the course for safety reasons.
- The educators must be prepared and willing to drive aquatics in their schools
- Educators must be from schools that either have a swimming pool or are within walking distance to a municipal pool.
- The school must **ideally be a primary school** as the target age is **Foundation Phase** learners
- 60% of the teachers must be from disadvantaged primary schools or communities. **Not more than one teacher per school** must be selected to enable more schools to have access to the programme.
- The municipal pool identified must have a learn to swim pool to enable educators to teach LTS
- First Aid Level 1 – unit standard 119557 must be **completed prior to the training**
- Educators must be prepared to comply with all processes and complete the training
- Educators must be prepared to develop aquatics within their provincial schools system.
- Applications for Police Clearance must be completed **2 weeks prior** to the commencement of the course. The candidates with the **support of the education & training committee** will complete the administration of the police clearance. The candidate must pay for the police clearance certificate.
- Any educator with a record will not be accepted on the course.
- The facilitators, moderators & assessors fees will be covered in this funding.
- Facilitators, assessors & moderators will be recommended & assigned to the affiliates by the SSA Education & Training unit.
- It is recommended that affiliates select a central venue to include as many districts as possible
- A standardized fee of **R2 000.00 per person** for the course, has been set. The additional R200 per person may be used for catering or transport of candidates by the affiliate. However, evidence in the form of proof of payment must be included.
- The course must take place over **four (4) days** to allow for **revision & written exams**. This will probably have to take place over weekends or school holidays.
- LTS exams should be written immediately after the course to prevent logistical challenges

- Group logging & practical assessments may be offered by affiliates. The logging has been the biggest challenge for classroom teachers to complete, so affiliates are requested to offer support in this respect.
- SSA will manage the standardization of the course by providing clear communication to the assigned facilitators/assessors.
- Signed **SA Schools registers per day** must be retained by the facilitators, with the names of the **relevant schools included**. These documents will have to be included with the claim forms to SSA.
- The facilitator must also forward a **detailed report** a week **(7 days) after the course** to the coordinator who will immediately forward it to SSA
- Communication with principals of schools must be done by the Provincial schools committee & the Provincial/District Department of Education to ensure accountability.
- On completion of the course, the teachers would be expected to comply with the registration requirements of SSA.
- SA Schools will only fund educators that attend all sessions of the course & complete the assessments.
- The Provincial co-ordinators of these courses must complete a checklist prior to the candidates attending the course. It is the mandate of the provincial affiliate to be accountable for all aspects of the course.
- **All courses must be completed by 28 February 2020.**

Please complete the attached reply slip & e-mail it to Eileen Xhakaza at eileen@swimsa.co.za and Peta Kaplan at peta@yebo.co.za by **29 July 2019** indicating the Provincial plans for the LTS course for educators.

Reply Slip for Learn to Swim Course for school teachers

PROVINCIAL AFFILIATE: _____

Affiliate person in charge of the course: _____

Contact Number of person in charge: _____ E-mail address: _____

Provincial Schools Chairperson/person in charge of the course: _____

Contact details: Mobile: _____ E-Mail: _____

PROPOSED DATE & Venue for the Course: _____