

National Officials Re-Certification Summary

Re-Certification has two components: local certification and participation and “national” participation and evaluation. The local portion is very simple and is the same for both N2 and N3 levels. The “national” portion involves working at Officials Qualifying Meets (OQMs) and being evaluated in the positions certified. **(NOTE: You must apply for re-certification – all eligible positions can be included on an application.)**

Re-certification Term

If an official meets the re-certification requirements for all existing certifications, the expiration date will be extended to the next June 30th or December 31st that is at least three years from the date of application for re-certification. A position’s expiration date will not be extended if the re-certification requirements for that position have not been met at the time of application. When the expiration of a given position is reached, the certification will lapse and the position will not show on the Official’s National Certification Card until the certification is reinstated. See the “National Certification Expiration and Reinstatement” policy for details.

Requirements for Re-Certification Evaluation

The table below shows the evaluation requirements for each position. Please note: certain evaluations can be used towards re-certification for multiple positions at the same level.

Satisfactory advancement and re-certification evaluations may be used for re-certification for up to 3 years (plus 3 months) from the meet at which they were done.

To be evaluated for re-certification or advancement at an OQM you must work at least 4 sessions as an official at the meet. Sessions in excess of those required for evaluation need not be worked in the evaluated position. (See the FAQs regarding multiple position re-certification evaluations in a session.)

Positions	Evaluation Requirements
Administrative Referee	Satisfactory evaluation over at least two (2) sessions as Meet Referee, Administrative Referee or Deck Referee at an OQM while working at least 4 sessions at that OQM
Deck Referee	Satisfactory evaluation over at least two (2) sessions as Meet Referee, Administrative Referee or Deck Referee at an OQM while working at least 4 sessions at that OQM
Starter	Satisfactory evaluation over at least two (2) sessions as starter at an OQM while working at least 4 sessions at that OQM
Chief Judge	Satisfactory evaluation over at least two (2) sessions as Meet Referee, Administrative Referee, Deck Referee or Chief Judge at an OQM while working at least 4 sessions at that OQM
Stroke & Turn Judge	Satisfactory evaluation over at least two (2) sessions as Meet Referee, Administrative Referee, Deck Referee, Starter, Chief Judge or Stroke & Turn Judge at an OQM while working at least 4 sessions at that OQM

Note: Satisfactory Initial or Final N3 evaluations in a position or an N3 evaluation that does not meet N3 standard for a position but is noted as acceptable for N2 re-certification may be used to satisfy N2 re-certification evaluation requirements for a position.



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N2 & N3 Re-Certification Requirements

Re-certification for a given position includes the requirements shown in the table below **plus** the three overall requirements shown below.

- Participation as an official* for a minimum of 4 sessions each at a minimum of three (3) OQMs during the 36 months prior to application for re-certification. At least two (2) of the OQMs must be other than a USA Swimming National Championship meet
- Participation in the past 36 months: at least 18 sessions in a minimum of 6 LSC meets(see below for some specific requirements)
- Continue to participate in learning opportunities as well as training of other officials as a mentor or as a clinic or deck instructor

Position	Re-Certification Requirements
Stroke & Turn Judge ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain your LSC certification as stroke & turn judge • At least one satisfactory re-certification evaluation in any position at an OQM during the 36 months prior to application for re-certification
Chief Judge CJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain your LSC certification as chief judge, starter or referee • In the 36 months prior to application for re-certification - at least one satisfactory re-certification evaluation as Chief Judge, Deck Referee, Administrative Referee or Meet Referee at an OQM <i>and, if not evaluated as a CJ, work at least 3 sessions as a CJ or DR at any USA Swimming sanctioned meets</i>
Starter SR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain your LSC certification as starter • At least one satisfactory re-certification evaluation as Starter at an OQM during the 36 months prior to application for re-certification
Deck Referee DR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain your LSC certification as referee • In the 36 months prior to application for re-certification - at least one satisfactory re-certification evaluation as Deck referee, Administrative Referee or Meet Referee at an OQM <i>and, if not evaluated as a DR, work at least 3 sessions as a DR at any USA Swimming sanctioned meets</i>
Administrative Referee AR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain your LSC certification as chief judge, starter or referee • In the 36 months prior to application for re-certification - at least one satisfactory re-certification evaluation as Deck Referee, Administrative Referee or Meet Referee at an OQM <i>and if not evaluated as an AR, work at least 3 sessions as an AR at any USA Swimming sanctioned meets using "scratch prior to preliminary seeding" procedures, and finals</i>

* official means ST, CJ, SR, DR, AR, Meet Referee, Administrative Official and Head Timer for this purpose.

Note: Evaluators performing N3 evaluations may use those sessions to meet their own evaluation requirements for re-certification.

