

Equivalence Policy in Regard to IWS Qualifications

When ILS equivalence has not been defined or does not exist in regard to other Swimming or Life Saving Federations, then the following guidelines for assessing equivalence with Irish Water Safety qualifications should be adopted:

The applicant must submit:

- ✓ Details of the awarding body (name, country and address)
- ✓ A copy of the certificate held.
- ✓ The title of the qualification held.
- ✓ Details of the course syllabus (in English). A web-link will suffice, if available.
- ✓ Course venue.
- ✓ Name of course tutor(s).
- ✓ Outline of the qualification assessment procedure, if not specified on the syllabus.

On receipt of the above, an IWS appointed Examiner, with a specialized knowledge of the IWS course content, will carry out a grid style comparison between the awards in question and make one of the following recommendations:

- ❖ **Full Equivalence:** The qualification is accepted as being fully equivalent with the IWS award.
- ❖ **Part Equivalence:** Sections of the IWS award, which must be completed and examined by an appropriately qualified IWS Examiner are outlined. After the successful completion of the specified sections, full equivalence may be granted and the full IWS qualification awarded.
- ❖ **No Equivalence:** Following full examination of the applicant's CV and course syllabus, it will be recommended that the applicant undertakes the full IWS course for which equivalence was applied.

Please note that all costs associated with gaining full equivalence may be borne by the applicant.