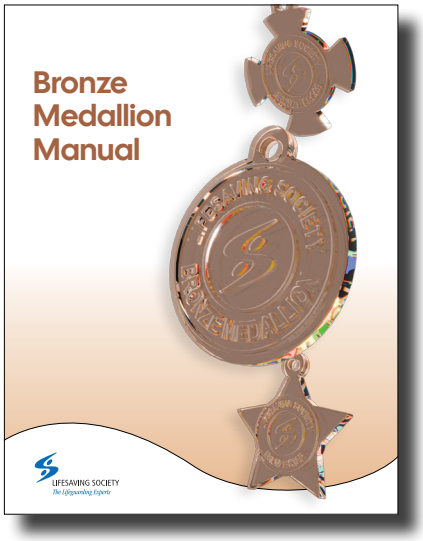
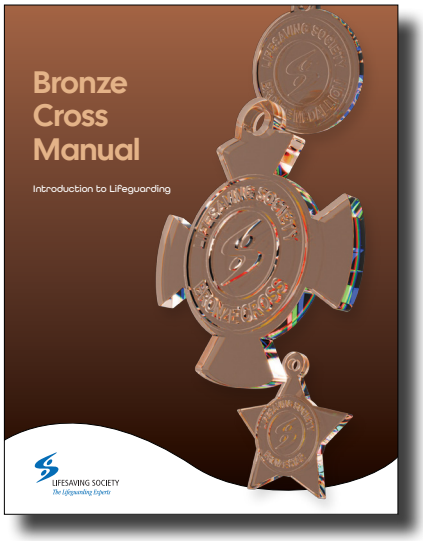
New course manuals for Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross

Available January 5, 2027



Le *Manuel de la Médaille de bronze* et le *Manuel de la Croix de bronze* sont aussi disponibles.



The manuals feature **over 200 colour illustrations** in clean, fresh layouts and manageable page counts for learners: 116 pages in the *Bronze Medallion Manual* and 92 pages in the *Bronze Cross Manual*.

The Lifesaving Society is retiring the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* and introducing a new generation of course-specific references – the *Bronze Medallion Manual* and the *Bronze Cross Manual*.

The new Bronze manuals replace the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* (CLM) as required texts for candidates on Medallion and Cross courses and for the instructors who teach them. (Bronze Star content is covered in the *Bronze Medallion Manual*.)

Why the change? Now in its fourth decade, the current edition of the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* is showing its age. While regular content revisions have been made to reflect new research and the Society's program changes, the design and structure of the manual are dated and restrictive.

Key features

- In a move away from the encyclopedia approach of the CLM, the new Bronze manuals focus on course-specific content delivered in concise as-I-need-it chunks.

  The technical content and structure of each manual are closely aligned with test items and Must Sees allowing candidates and instructors to cover the competencies required for success more easily and efficiently.

No change to Bronze content.

Key concepts like the Ladder Approach and Rescuer's Checklist are unchanged as are course content, test items and Must Sees. Course scheduling is not affected.

- A new "**Rescue Practice**" section in the *Bronze Medallion Manual* explains situational training and how it works. Instructors can use this to engage candidates in making up their own situations for mental practice or to present to classmates. Similarly, scenario charts for both lifesaving and assistant lifeguard situations are found in the "**Rescue Interventions**" section in the *Bronze Cross Manual*.
- Each section presents **Test Yourself** questions designed to drive candidates into the content of the section for answers. Candidates can use the questions to test their understanding and instructors can use them to guide assigned reading, to stimulate in-class discussion, or to test understanding of water rescue concepts.
- Instructors no longer need to cross-reference the CLM and *Alert* when teaching Bronze Cross. The *Bronze Cross Manual* assembles all the content required in this introduction to lifeguarding. In "**The Assistant Lifeguard**" the Bronze Cross Manual contrasts the roles and responsibilities of lifesavers and lifeguards. **"Fit for Duty"** and **"Supervision and Surveillance"** showcase important aspects of lifeguarding.

Pricing

2027 retail price per manual $38.65 including standard shipping. Available to order by email or phone (902-967-4888) from January 5, 2027.

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Transition to the new Bronze manuals

During the transition to the new manuals, the *Canadian Lifesaving Manual* may be used by candidates and instructors. It should make no difference to candidate success on the course if some candidates are using the CLM while others have the new manuals. Instructors and Trainers should simply adapt their reading assignments to accommodate both. Please inform candidates that the CLM is being retired in favour of the new Bronze manuals.

By July 1, 2027, all Bronze candidates should be using the new Bronze manuals.

Instructors who teach Bronze courses and Lifesaving Instructor Trainers should obtain the new manuals as soon as they're available (as of January 5) so they have time to familiarize themselves with the content and structure of the new books.

New Bronze workbooks

The 2027 editions of the Bronze workbooks are now being developed to sync with the new Bronze manuals.

What should affiliates do?

If you have no remaining inventory of CLMs, begin using the new Bronze manuals as soon as convenient after January 5, 2027. If you have a remaining supply of CLMs, feel free to use them up or return them for credit.

You can continue to use and order the CLM while supplies last, but must be switched over to the new manuals completely by **July 1, 2027**.

Returns. You can return unused CLMs for credit by March 31, 2027 subject to the Society's Return Policy.

Did you know?

Literature sales enable the Society to invest in drowning prevention research, Water Smart® education, the updating of existing programs and resources, and the development of new ones.

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