

**Kent Health and Safety Policy for School Swimming  
and Water Safety - 2007**

**Summary of Amendments Effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008**

SECTION	PAGE	KEY CHANGES	REASON for CHANGE
2.5	5	Removal of section referring to shallow water pools.	No depth differentiation with the new qualifications structure.
5	9	Removal of all references to depth. Qualifications stated now applicable regardless of depth.  Minimum qualification for programmed sessions changed to STA NaRs Pool Safety Award.	No depth limits with new NaRs qualification To make use of the new NaRs qualification which is easier and simpler for schools.
6	11- 14	Removal of all references to depth. Qualifications required now based on key stage being taught rather than depth of pool in which teaching is taking place.  Minimum qualification for secondary school teachers (who have a degree in Physical Education <b>or</b> QTS and a qualification within which they can demonstrate that there was a significant swimming element) leading or assisting in school swimming lessons changed to STA Certificate in Teaching Swimming – Secondary.  Minimum qualification for TAs / HLTAs / AOTTs leading a school swimming lesson for primary aged pupils changed to ASA National Curriculum Training Programme Module 2.  Minimum qualification for TAs / HLTAs / AOTTs assisting with a school swimming lessons for primary aged pupils changed to ASA National Curriculum Training Programme Module 1.  6.3 Provides additional guidance provided on identifying appropriate school staff to take on poolside roles.  New clause added as 6.2; states that school staff must remain on poolside where lessons are being taught by a specialist instructor.	Changes to the qualification structure at National level.  STA have agreed to condense course to accommodate Kent teachers.  ASA have changed prerequisites for these courses and now accept non QTS staff for training.  Revised national guidance from AfPE  As above
7	13 - 14	Removal of clause relating to depth. Qualifications stated now applicable regardless of depth.  Minimum qualification for both primary and secondary school teachers providing the lifesaving cover for a programmed session in a school swimming lesson changed to STA NaRs Pool Safety Award.  Minimum qualification for TAs / HLTAs / AOTTs providing the lifesaving cover for a programmed session in a primary or secondary school swimming lesson changed to STA NaRs Pool Safety Award.	No depth limits with new NaRs qualification To make use of the new NaRs qualification which is easier and simpler for schools.