



## Career Guides

## Swimming Coaches and Instructors

Swimming coaches train and instruct people of all ages to swim by analysing their techniques and performance in the water.

### Where You Might Work

While it is obvious where swimming coaches will work, their qualifications could take them to pools situated in:

- › Schools
- › Swim clubs
- › Retirement homes
- › Rehabilitation or allied health centres



## Key Responsibilities

Sports Centre Managers will undergo different tasks every day. Some recurring jobs may include:

- › Planning and developing strategies for competitive racing.  
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- › Analysing techniques and devising strategies on how to help swimmers.  
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- › Communicating with students on what they are doing well and what needs to be improved.  
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- › Analysing race progress.  
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- › Motivating swimmers and supervising practice sessions.  
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- › Recruiting swimmers and other coaches.  
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- › Promoting the sport and overseeing the participation of young people in swimming.  
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- › Coordinating and directing swimming activities.  
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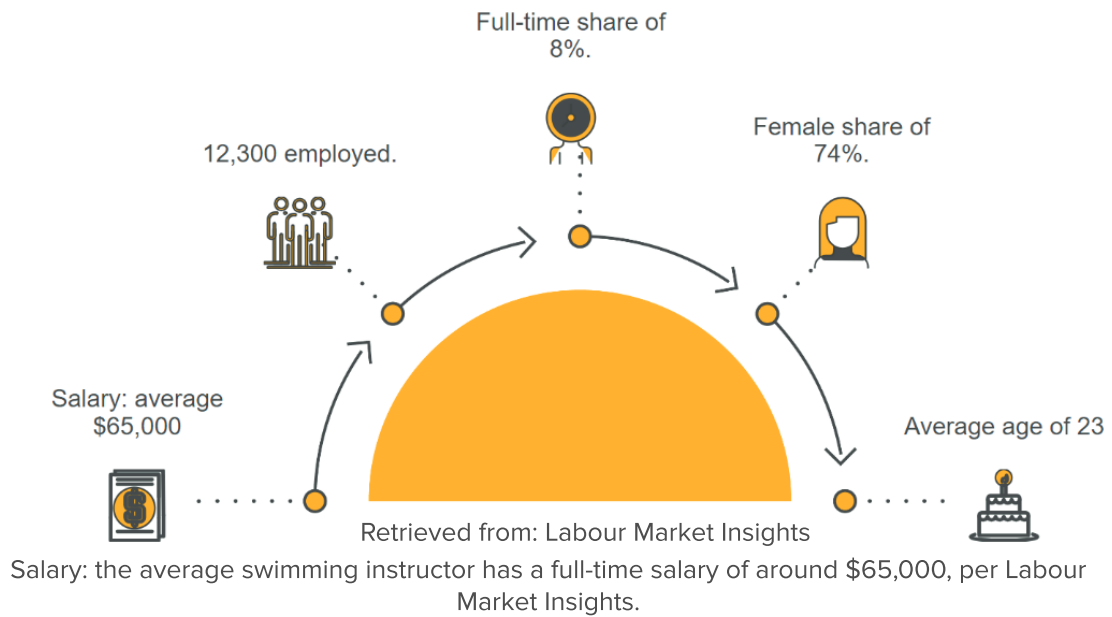
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## The Attributes and Skills You Will Need

- › Good physical and verbal communication skills.  
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- › An ability to motivate and encourage swimmers  
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- › Strong leadership skills and a desire to lead.  
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- › Strong knowledge of CPR and water safety.  
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- › Strong knowledge of swimming coaching strategies and tactics.  
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## Quick Facts



## Qualifications

Course	Potential Career Outcomes	Further Qualifications	Course Duration or number of elements/units
AUSTSWIM Accredited Courses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prerequisite course is base-level accreditation.</li> </ul>	n/a	Prerequisite course: 4 units of competency
Prerequisite course – Teacher of Swimming and WaterSafety (SISSS00112)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INF specialises in teaching young children how to swim.</li> </ul>		INF: 1 unit of competency
Extensio Courses: Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics (INF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAI provides teachers with knowledge on how to work with diverse groups of people.</li> </ul>		TAI: 2 units of competency
Teacher of Aquatics – Access and Inclusion (TAI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AD allows teachers to provide specialised coaching for beginners at an older age.</li> </ul>		TA: 0 units of competency
Teacher of Adults (TA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TCS specialises in providing coaches with the tools to coach swimmers at the elite level.</li> </ul>		TCS: 0 units of competency
Teacher of Towards Competitive Stroke (TCS)			



## Qualifications- Continued

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Swim Australia Accredited Courses: Swim Australia Teacher(SISSS00112) Swim Australia Teacher of Babies & Toddlers Swim Australia Foundation Coach Swim Australia Teachers of Learners with Disability Swim Australia Teacher of Adolescents and Adults Swim Australia Teacher of Cultural Awareness in Aquatics Swim Coaches and Teachers Australia Aquatic Supervisor	All courses apply a range of techniques and workshops to create teachers that want to be specialised on different levels.	Some students who train with Swim Australia may look to complete a Certificate in Teaching Aquaphobes, aiming to teach aquatic professionals how to understand, identify, and treat Aquaphobia.	Swim Australia Teacher: 4 units of competency Teacher of Babies and Toddlers: 1 unit of competency Foundation Coach: 2 units of competency Teachers of Learners with Disability: 1 unit of competency Teacher of Cultural Awareness in Aquatics: 2 units of competency Swim Coaches and Teachers Aquatic Supervisor: Covers the 14 units within the Certificate III in Aquatics and Community Recreation.

Note: Base-level accreditation will require you to complete HLTAID009 – Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. This may be provided; however, it may also be something you have to attain yourself. Visit the Swim Australia Course Calendar to find the best time and place for you to complete this requirement.

RTOs recommend that staff who work in high-risk water facilities should obtain a Certificate IV in Swimming Pool and Spa Service (CPP41319).

If you are working with children under the age of 18, you will need to obtain a Blue Card (Working with Children Check).



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