**What is needed to be completed prior to your certification**.

**Initial Education and Training**

1. Orientation Clinic
2. Stroke and Turn Clinic
	1. Class Room     *or*
	2. strokeandturn.com
3. USA-S Membership
* [Register with USA-S- Non-Athlete Registration Form](http://www.virginiaswimming.org/vsi/Business/Registration.html)
* [Create USA-S Account- Upper Right Corner-Sign In](http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx)
* [Pass the Background Check](http://www.usaswimming.org/%5CUSASModules%5CBackgroundCheck%5CBackgroundCheckPage.aspx?screentype=coach)
* [Watch the Athlete Protection Course](http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1960)
1. TEST- Require a passing grade of 80% or better:
* [Stroke and Turn/Timer Test](http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1510&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en)

**On-the-Job Training**

* Shadow 3 sessions with a Trainer
* Work 3 sessions making Calls with a Mentor
	+ Before Making Calls, steps 1 through 3 must be completed
* Summit your completed Certification Card to your District Chair

**Additional Information**

* [USA-Swimming Website](http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1506&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en)
* [USA-S Rulebook](http://www.usaswimming.org/_Rainbow/Documents/01b28cab-25a6-4dbf-a5df-4b89d9488a14/2016%20Rulebook.pdf)
* [Virginia Swimming Website](http://www.virginiaswimming.org/vsi/Official/Information.html)
* [Virginia Officials Handbook](http://www.virginiaswimming.org/Officials/Certification-Training/Certification/Virginia%20Swimming%20Officials%20Handbook.pdf)
* [Virginia Code of Conduct](http://www.virginiaswimming.org/vsi/Official/Resource/VSI%20Swim%20Officiating%20Standards%20of%20Conduct_092015.pdf)
* [USA-S Stroke and Turn Videos](http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2775&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en)

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