For U.S. officials wishing to attend the World Para Level 4 TO Programme, a prerequisite of being accepted into the course is that you must be endorsed by U.S. Paralympics Swimming.

In order to be eligible for endorsement, the following criteria must be met.

**First time Applicants for Level 4 TO Programme**

1. Must have a current U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official’s Level II certification

2. Must have officiated at a minimum of two (2) Can-Am National Championship meets within the preceding 18 months prior to the application for endorsement being submitted (These meets must occur after you gain your U.S. Paralympics Swimming Level II certification)

**Repeat Applicants for Level 4 TO Programme**

1. In the case of officials who have attended the World Para Level 4 TO Programme and did not receive a recommendation for accreditation, the following requirements must be satisfied:
   a. Must wait for twelve (12) months prior to reapplying for endorsement for attending the course
   b. Must have a current U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official’s Level II certification
   c. Must attend a minimum of one (1) Can-Am National Championship meet in the preceding twelve (12) months and after attending the World Para Level 4 TO Programme course
   d. If an official attends two (2) consecutive World Para Level 4 TO Programme’s without obtaining a recommendation for advancement, then the following requirements will apply:
      1. Must wait twenty-four (24) months prior to reapplying for endorsement for attending the World Para Level 4 TO Programme,
      2. Must have a current U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official’s Level II certification
      3. Must attend a minimum of two (2) Can-Am National Championship meets in the preceding twenty-four (24) months and subsequent to completing the second IPC ITO course
   e. If an official attends three (3) consecutive World Para Level 4 TO Programme’s and do not obtain a recommendation for advancement, they will not be eligible for endorsement unless granted a special exemption by the U.S. Paralympics Swimming High Performance Director.

**ITO Recertification**

2. For officials who attends the World Para Level 4 TO Programme and receives a recommendation for accreditation, the following requirements must be satisfied prior to applying for an endorsement when recertifying as a World Para Level 4 ITO:
   a. Must have a current U.S. Paralympics Swimming Official’s Level II certification
   b. Must attend a minimum of two (2) Can-Am National Championship meets in the preceding thirty-six (36) months and subsequent to completing the IPC ITO course

All applications from the IPC Swimming web site for the IPC ITO course should be forwarded to:
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