



Assessment Principles for Regulated First Aid Qualifications December 2016 v5

Publication of these Assessment Principles

Skills for Health is the guardian of the assessment principles and the document will be published on the SfH website. These will be updated from time to time based on best practice requirements.

These principles must be applied in addition to the generic criteria and regulations that Ofqual/SQA Accreditation/Qualifications Wales/CCEA Regulation require Awarding Organisations/Bodies meet for the delivery of regulated/accredited qualifications.

Awarding Organisations/Bodies who follow these First Aid Assessment Principles should also participate in the First Aid Awarding Organisation Forum (FAAOF) in line with the FAAOF Terms of Reference.

Introduction

These Assessment Principles have been produced by Awarding Organisations/Bodies in cooperation with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Qualification Regulators and are supported by Skills for Health. This document relates to First Aid Qualifications including but not limited to:

- **First Aid at Work (FAW)**
- **Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW)**
- **Paediatric First Aid (PFA)**
- **Emergency Paediatric First Aid (EPFA)**

This document deals with training, assessment, evidence and quality assurance under the following headings:

- Roles and responsibilities of those involved in the training, assessment and quality assurance processes
- Assessment and sources of evidence

Roles and Responsibilities of those involved in the Training, Assessment and Quality Assurance Processes

This document details the requirements of Trainers and Assessors separately. It is accepted, however, that both roles may be performed by the same person, providing the qualifications and experience requirements for both roles are met.

Trainers

Those involved in the training of these qualifications must have knowledge and competency in first aid as well as knowledge and competency to train based on qualifications and experience. An acceptable portfolio must show:

i. Occupational knowledge and competence in first aid - evidenced by:

- Holding a first aid at work qualification/medical registration as detailed in Appendix 1

ii. Knowledge and competency in teaching/training first aid - evidenced by:

- Holding an acceptable teaching/training qualification as detailed in Appendix 2

AND either:

- Providing an acceptable log of teaching first aid within the last 3 years
- or**
- Providing an acceptable record of competently teaching theoretical and practical first aid sessions under the supervision of a suitably qualified Trainer/Assessor

Assessors

Those involved in the assessment of these qualifications must have knowledge and competency in first aid as well as knowledge and competency to assess based on qualifications and experience. An acceptable portfolio must show:

i. Occupational knowledge and competence in first aid - evidenced by:

- Holding a first aid at work qualification/medical registration as detailed in Appendix 1

ii. Knowledge and competency in assessing first aid - evidenced by:

- Holding an acceptable assessing qualification/CPD Training as detailed in Appendix 2

AND either:

- Providing an acceptable log of first aid assessments conducted within the last 3 years
- or**
- Providing an acceptable record of competently assessing theoretical and practical first aid qualifications under the supervision of a suitably qualified assessor.

Internal Quality Assurance

Those involved in the internal quality assurance of these qualifications (IQAs) must have knowledge and competency in first aid as well as knowledge and competency in internal quality assurance. An acceptable portfolio must show:

i. Occupational knowledge and competence in first aid - evidenced by:

- Holding a first aid at work qualification/medical registration as detailed in Appendix 1

ii. Knowledge and competency in internal quality assurance – evidenced by:

- Holding an acceptable internal quality assurance qualification/CPD training as detailed in Appendix 3

Internal Quality Assurers must:

- Have knowledge of the requirements of the qualification they are quality assuring at the time any assessment is taking place.
- Have knowledge and understanding of the role of assessors.
- Visit and observe assessments.
- Carry out other related internal quality assurance.

External Quality Assurance

Those involved in the external quality assurance of these qualifications (EQAs) must have knowledge and competency in first aid as well as knowledge and competency in external quality assurance. An acceptable portfolio must show:

i. Occupational knowledge and competence in first aid - evidenced by:

- Holding a first aid at work qualification/medical registration as detailed in Appendix 1

ii. Knowledge and competency in external quality assurance – evidenced by:

- Holding an acceptable external quality assurance qualification as detailed in Appendix 4

External Quality Assurers must:

- Have knowledge of the requirements of the qualification they are quality assuring at the time any assessment is taking place.
- Have knowledge and understanding of the role of Assessors and Internal Quality Assurers.

Assessment and Sources of Evidence

Assessment Centres

Assessment Centres will be responsible for maintaining up-to-date information on trainers, assessors and Internal Quality Assurers and for ensuring the currency of the competence of all those involved in the assessment and internal quality assurance process.

Simulation

Simulation is permitted – Each unit details what may be simulated.

Assessment

The assessment should determine a learner's ability to act safely, promptly and effectively when an emergency occurs at work and to deal with a casualty. All learning outcomes in the unit(s) must be achieved. Assessment may take place at any time during the delivery of the qualification and does not need to be done as a final assessment. It is however a requirement for the learner to be aware that assessment is taking place.

Standards of first aid practice

Skills and knowledge must be taught and assessed in accordance with currently accepted first aid practice in the United Kingdom as laid down:

- by the Resuscitation Council (UK)
- *and*
- in other publications; provided that they are supported by a responsible body of medical opinion.

All trainers, assessors, internal quality assurers and external quality assurers must have occupational knowledge and competence in first aid.

This may be evidenced by:

- Holding a qualification issued by an Ofqual/SQA Accreditation/Qualifications Wales/CCEA Regulation recognised Awarding Organisation/Body (or equivalent¹) as follows:

Qualification delivered:	Minimum qualification to be held by the Trainer/Assessor/IQA/EQA: ¹
First Aid at Work or Emergency First Aid at Work	First Aid at Work
Paediatric First Aid or Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Paediatric First Aid or First Aid at Work

Or

- Current registration as a Doctor with the General Medical Council (GMC)²

Or

- Current registration as a Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)²

Or

- Current registration as a Paramedic with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)².

¹ if the trainer/assessor/IQA/EQA holds a non-regulated first aid qualification the awarding organisation should undertake due diligence to ensure current occupational knowledge and competence.

² registered healthcare professionals must act within their scope of practice and therefore have current expertise in first aid to teach/assess the subject.

Acceptable Training/Assessing Qualifications

Appendix 2

This list is **not exhaustive** but provides a guide to acceptable training and/or assessing qualifications. Trainers who also assess learner competence must hold a qualification (or separate qualifications) to enable them to perform both functions.

Qualification	Train	Assess*
CURRENT QUALIFICATIONS (available for new trainers/assessors to undertake):		
Level 3 Award in Education and Training	✓	✓
Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training	✓	✓
Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training	✓	✓
Level 3 Award in Teaching and Assessing in First Aid Qualifications (RQF)	✓	✓
Cert Ed/PGCE/B Ed/M Ed	✓	✓
SVQ 3 Learning and Development SCQF Level 8	✓	✓
SVQ 4 Learning and Development SCQF Level 9	✓	✓
TQFE (Teaching Qualification for Further Education)	✓	✓
Planning and Delivering Learning Sessions to Groups SCQF Level 6 (SQA Unit)	✓	✓
SCQF Level 6 Award in Planning and Delivering Learning Sessions to Groups (SQA Accredited)	✓	✓
L&D Unit 6 Manage Learning and Development in Groups SCQF Level 8 (SQA Accredited)	✓	
L&D Unit 7 Facilitate Individual Learning and Development SCQF Level 8 (SQA Accredited)	✓	
L&D Unit 8 Engage and Support Learners in the Learning and Development Process SCQF Level 8 (SQA Accredited)	✓	
Carry Out the Assessment Process SCQF Level 7 (SQA Unit)		✓
Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment		✓
Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement		✓
Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment		✓
Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement		✓
L&D Unit 9DI Assess Workplace Competence Using Direct and Indirect Methods SCQF Level 8 (SQA Accredited)		✓
L&D Unit 9D Assess Workplace Competence Using Direct Methods SCQF Level 7 (SQA Accredited)		✓
OTHER ACCEPTABLE QUALIFICATIONS:		
CTLLS/DTLLS	✓	✓
PTLLS with unit 'Principles and Practice of Assessment' (12 credits)	✓	✓
Further and Adult Education Teacher's Certificate	✓	✓
IHCD Instructional Methods	✓	✓
IHCD Instructor Certificate	✓	✓
English National Board 998	✓	✓
Nursing mentorship qualifications	✓	✓
NOCN Tutor Assessor Award	✓	✓
S/NVQ level 3 in training and development	✓	✓
S/NVQ level 4 in training and development	✓	✓
PDA Developing Teaching Practice in Scotland's Colleges SCQF Level 9 (SQA Qualification)	✓	✓
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PTLLS (6 credits)	✓	
Regulated Qualifications based on the Learning and Development NOS 7 Facilitate Individual Learning and Development or NOS 6 Manage Learning and Development in Groups	✓	
Training Group A22, B22, C21, C23, C24	✓	
Learning and Teaching – Assessment and Quality Standards SCQF Level 9 (SQA Unit)		✓
A1 Assess Candidates Using a Range of Methods or D33 Assess Candidates Using Differing Sources of Evidence		✓
Conduct the Assessment Process SCQF Level 7 (SQA Unit)		✓
A2 Assess Candidate Performance through Observation or D32 Assess Candidate Performance		✓
Regulated Qualifications based on the Learning and Development NOS 9 Assess Learner Achievement		✓

*Assessors who do not hold a formal assessing qualification may alternatively attend *First Aid Assessor CPD Training* with an Awarding Organisation/Body.

This list is **not exhaustive** but provides a guide to acceptable IQA qualifications:

L&D Unit 11 Internally Monitor and Maintain the Quality of Workplace Assessment SCQF Level 8 (SQA Accredited)
Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
Conduct the Internal Verification Process SCQF Level 8 (SQA Unit)
Regulated Qualifications based on the Learning and Development NOS 11 Internally Monitor and Maintain the Quality of Assessment
V1 Conduct Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process or D34 Internally Verify the Assessment Process
Internally Verify the Assessment Process SCQF Level 8 (SQA Unit)

NOTE:

IQA's who do not hold a formal IQA qualification may alternatively attend *Internal Quality Assurance CPD Training* with an Awarding Organisation/Body.

This list is **not exhaustive** but provides a guide to acceptable EQA qualifications:

L&D Unit 12 Externally Monitor and Maintain the Quality of Workplace Assessment SCQF Level 9 (SQA Accredited)
Regulated qualifications based on the Learning and Development NOS 12 Externally Monitor and Maintain the Quality of Assessment
Level 4 Award in the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
Level 4 Certificate in Leading the External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
Conduct External Verification of the Assessment Process SCQF Level 9 (SQA Unit)
V2 Conduct External Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process or D35 Externally Verify the Assessment Process
Externally Verify the Assessment Process SCQF Level 9 (SQA Unit)

It is understood that not all EQA's will be qualified initially, and that sufficient time should be considered to achieve these qualifications. During this time Awarding Organisations/Bodies must ensure that EQA's are following the principles set out in the current Learning and Development NOS 12 *Externally monitor and maintain the quality of assessment*.