

QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

FAA LEVEL 2 AWARD IN BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (RQF)



This Basic Life Support qualification will give learners the skills and knowledge to act in an emergency situation providing the casualty with critical life saving assistance until support arrives.

The qualification covers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the safe use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), primary survey, the recovery position and choking, and is delivered following the protocols set by the Resuscitation Council (UK) Guidelines.

A learner will gain first aid knowledge and the practical competence required to be able to help someone and potentially save a life.

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Qualification structure

This qualification is regulated in the UK and awarded by First Aid Awards. FAA are an Awarding Organisation regulated by Ofqual and the qualification sits on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

The qualification is delivered, assessed and quality assured in accordance with the [Assessment Principles for Regulated First Aid Qualifications](#) and the protocols set by the latest Resuscitation Council Guidelines.

The qualification consists of one mandatory unit:

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QAN	Unit title	URN	Level	GLH	TQT
603/5171/8	Basic Life Support	Y/617/8400	2	3	5

QAN – Qualification Accreditation Number URN – Unit Reference Number GLH – Guided Learning Hours TQT – Total Qualification Time

Entry requirements

The qualification is available to learners aged 14 or over.

Due to the practical nature of the first aid assessment there are physical demands. To be awarded the regulated qualification a learner must be able to get to the floor unaided and successfully demonstrate all elements of the practical assessment on their own, as in a real-life situation, with the casualty on the floor.

It is recommended that learners hold a minimum of Level 1 in literacy or equivalent to undertake this qualification.

It may be possible to allocate a reasonable adjustment to a learner who has a disability, medical condition or learning need; learners should contact their training provider to discuss. Any reasonable adjustments granted must be in line with the [FAA Reasonable Adjustments Policy](#).

Qualification delivery

The qualification has 3 assigned guided learning hours (GLH) and 5 hours total qualification time (TQT). GLH indicates the number of classroom contact hours that the learner will undertake. TQT includes GLH but also considers any unsupervised learning and is an estimate of how long the average learner will take to complete the qualification.

The minimum classroom contact time of three hours can be delivered in one day or spread over a maximum of three weeks, ensuring that each session is a minimum of one hour.

The class ratio for this qualification is a maximum of 12 learners to 1 Trainer/Assessor.

Certification and requalification

The qualification is valid for three years from the date of achievement. The learner will need to complete the full course again to requalify for a further three years. It is recommended that the learner attends annual refresher training.

Progression

Learners who achieve this qualification may progress on to the FAA Award in Emergency First Aid at Work, the FAA Award in First Aid at Work or other related qualifications within first aid.

FAA also offer qualifications in health & safety, food safety, safeguarding and first aid for mental health if learners want to diversify.

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Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

A regulated qualification has set learning outcomes and assessment criteria. The learning outcomes describe the skills and knowledge a learner will gain by successfully completing the qualification. The assessment criteria state the skills, knowledge and competence a learner will be required to demonstrate during the course assessment.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES The learner will:	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA The learner can:
1. Be able to assess an incident	1.1 Conduct a primary survey of a casualty
2. Be able to provide first aid to an unresponsive casualty	2.1 Identify when to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) 2.2 Demonstrate CPR using a manikin including the safe use of an AED 2.3 Demonstrate how to place a casualty into the recovery position
3. Be able to provide first aid to a casualty who is choking	3.1 Identify when choking is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mild• severe 3.2 Demonstrate how to administer first aid to a casualty who is choking

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The qualification is assessed through practical demonstration. There is no grading of the assessment; learners pass or are referred.

Practical assessment

Scenarios will be set to enable a learner to demonstrate their knowledge and practical skills. During the practical assessment the learner will be asked a related oral question by the Trainer/Assessor.

The practical assessment is ongoing throughout the course, but the Trainer/Assessor will make learners aware of when they are being assessed.

The learner must satisfactorily complete each scenario to pass the practical assessment.