



Paediatric First Aid Qualification

Aim

The Paediatric First Aid Qualification (PFAQ) course is designed for parents, and people who work with children in the absence of their parents; courses have the flexibility to be appropriate to the age of the children being cared for.

The course aims to give the candidate knowledge and assess them on their ability to deal with emergency situations, how to recognise and respond to serious medical conditions and serious injuries. The course includes training on adult, child and infant resuscitation manikins, the contents of first aid boxes and the recording of accidents and incidents. This course meets the requirements of the EYFS.

Pre-requisites

Be 16 years of age at time of examination.

Validity of Award

36 Months.

Length of Course

Training courses, including final assessment, should last at least 12 contact hours.

Course Information

On completion of training successful candidates need to be able to apply the following competencies:

- Planning for first aid emergencies;
- Dealing with emergencies;
- Resuscitation procedures appropriate to the age of children being cared for;
- Recognising and dealing with shock;
- Recognising and responding appropriately to anaphylactic shock;
- Recognising and responding appropriately to electric shock;
- Recognising and responding appropriately to bleeding;
- Responding appropriately to burns and scalds;
- Responding appropriately to choking;
- Responding appropriately to suspected fractures;
- Responding appropriately to head, neck and back injuries;
- Recognising and responding to cases of poisoning;
- Responding appropriately to foreign bodies in eyes, ears and noses;
- Responding appropriately to eye injuries;
- Responding appropriately to bites and stings;
- Responding appropriately to the effects of extreme heat and cold;
- Responding appropriately to febrile convulsions;
- Recognising and responding appropriately to the emergency needs of children with chronic medical conditions, including epilepsy, asthma, sickle cell anaemia, and diabetes;
- Recognising and responding appropriately to meningitis and other serious sudden illnesses.

Assessment

- Continual assessment by the tutor;
- Complete an 8 question multiple-task worksheet, with a pass mark of 6;
- Demonstrating the ability to carry out CPR on an adult, child and baby manikin;
- Demonstrating the ability to carry out first aid for an unconscious casualty;
- Demonstrating the ability to carry out first aid for a child in an emergency situation.