

The Benefits of Regulated First Aid Qualifications

What is a regulated first aid qualification?

Regulated first aid qualifications are listed on the National Qualification Framework for their respective country and regulated by Ofqual, Qualifications Wales, SQA, or CCEA.

BEWARE: some industry organisations claim to offer “nationally regulated first aid training qualifications” and to “regulate training providers”. These are **NOT** government regulated qualifications.

How can I check if a first aid qualification is regulated?

A list of Awarding Organisations (AOs) that accredit government regulated first aid qualifications can be found [here](#). Certificates issued by these AOs contain the Ofqual, Qualifications Wales, SQA and/or CCEA logos.

Why choose regulated first aid qualifications?

Regulated qualifications have robust Quality Assurance processes in design, delivery and award of the qualification. The following table outlines just a few of the differences:

	Regulated Qualification	Industry Body
The Awarding organisation is regulated by an independent government regulator and must comply with stringent conditions of recognition.	✓	-
Certificates are issued centrally by the Awarding Organisation.	✓	-
Certificates are printed by the training provider with no central control.	-	✓
Assessments are centrally devised, implemented and reviewed in compliance with the government regulators conditions of recognition.	✓	-
Assessments can be created by the training provider.	-	✓
Internal verifiers must receive training in or be qualified in internal verification.	✓	-
External quality assurance complies with robust Ofqual/ SQA/ Qualifications Wales/ CEEA requirements.	✓	-
External quality assurance is based on a system of just one visit every 5 years , irrespective of risk, size of training provider or number of learners.	-	✓
Blended learning complies with the First Aid Quality Partnership Blended Learning in First Aid Quality Assurance Standards – an initial First Aid at Work (FAW) qualification must have 12 hours of face-to-face learning / assessment.	✓	-
Blended initial FAW training is permitted with just 6 hours face-to-face learning/ assessment.	-	✓
Full paediatric first aid qualifications must be delivered over 12 hours in line with EYES standards.	✓	-
In Scotland, full paediatric first aid qualifications can be delivered in just 6 hours .	-	✓
Awarding Organisations must inform all other Awarding Organisations if a trainer, assessor or centre is found to have committed malpractice – to prevent ‘AO hopping’.	✓	-