

COVID-19 Update Statement – 3rd June 2020

Training must only take place where this is permissible in accordance with the UK Government and devolved administrations or regional restrictions.

Where training takes place, the following guidance must be followed:

- A training provider must risk assess their training delivery and mitigate all risks of possible spread of COVID-19.
- A training provider must design lessons to ensure that a distance of 2m is maintained between students and between the students and trainers unless close contact is absolutely necessary for teaching or assessment purposes. Sensible adaptations to training and assessment activities must be introduced to achieve this.
- A training provider must ensure appropriate handwashing facilities and / or alcohol hand sanitisers are available for use as learners enter and exit the training room and throughout their time in the classroom.
- Where close contact is absolutely necessary and it is teaching and assessment related to a situation where a first aider would be expected to wear PPE, PPE must be used.
- A training provider must have in place a process for preventing those with possible COVID-19 symptoms (fever, a new cough or loss of smell/taste) from entering the classroom. They must also have in place a process to manage instances of people who develop symptoms during the delivery of any training.
- All equipment that is used by learners must be thoroughly cleaned before use by an individual learner.
- The skill of providing rescue breaths must still be included in CPR training and assessment, however adaptations to protocols that ensure the safe performance of first aid during the current COVID-19 outbreak should also be taught. Guidance must be supported by a responsible body of medical opinion and the Resuscitation Council UK.
<https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/>

This statement has been adapted to provide instructions directly to Centres for the purpose of delivering regulated first aid qualifications during the COVID-19 pandemic. The original FAQP statement can be found here: <http://www.firstaidqualifications.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FAQP-statement-030620.pdf>