

Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

Please see below a statement from the HSE with regard to the delivery of workplace first aid training. This is split into each devolved administration. This will be issued as an e-bulletin to subscribers. HSE will also be contacting all local authorities to ensure they are aware of this position:

First aid training during coronavirus restrictions in place on 15th January 2021

First aid training in England

The policy position of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is that first aid training required to comply with health and safety or other legislation can continue to take place under relevant coronavirus restrictions in England. All possible measures must be taken to ensure that both training activities and environment are Covid secure.

Under current restrictions, some premises are closed to the public or are prohibited from carrying out their normal business. These premises can be considered for use as training venues, providing the conditions outlined above are adhered to.

All businesses and individuals should adhere to current regulations and follow relevant Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?qclid=EAlaIQobChMI3dfV3cyb7glVkb7tCh0lhgg3EAAYASA AEgKA5 D BwE>

HSE's current guidance on first aid certificate extensions covers all of GB and remains unaltered: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/first-aid-and-medicals/first-aid-certificate-coronavirus.htm#qualifications>

First aid training in Scotland

The Scottish Government has informed HSE that first aid training can be permitted under the current coronavirus restrictions, given the following considerations:

- The training is a required part of the work or operation of the business commissioning the training (e.g. is necessary for compliance with health and safety or other legislation)
- Other requirements for businesses and individuals under the current restrictions are met
- All controls necessary are in place to comply with relevant regulations and guidance published by the Scottish Government: <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/> and any additional measures necessary to ensure the training activities and environment are covid secure are taken.

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First aid training in Wales

The Welsh Government has informed HSE that first aid training can be permitted under the current coronavirus restrictions, given the following considerations:

- The training is a required part of the work or operation of the business commissioning the training (e.g. is necessary for compliance with health and safety or other legislation)
- Other requirements for businesses and individuals under the current restrictions are met
- All controls necessary are in place to comply with relevant regulations and guidance published by the Welsh Government: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> and any additional measures necessary to ensure the training activities and environment are Covid secure are taken

Premises required to close for normal business under coronavirus restrictions may be considered for use as training venues, providing the conditions outlined above are adhered to. Authority to open premises for first aid training can be obtained from the relevant local authority or appropriate department of the Welsh Government.

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Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education have published an extension to requalification of Paediatric First Aid certificates if PFA certificate requalification training is prevented for reasons associated directly with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, or by complying with related government advice. In these cases, certificates have been extended to 31 March 2021. (This applies to certificates expiring on or after 1 October 2020).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications>

(section 7.2 Requalification)