

Changes to First Aid at Work training

From October 1, 2009 it is likely that there will be some changes to the four day First Aid at Work course (FAW). This course is the minimum level required by all RYA first aid instructors.

It is expected that the course will be shortened to three days.

The existing three year validity of the certificate and the two day requalification course will remain unchanged, but an annual half-day refresher session between courses will be introduced that first aiders should attend.

These changes will affect all RYA first aid instructors using FAW as their higher qualification. When they update their certificate, only the three day FAW course will be accepted. It does not affect the RYA first aid course.

Doctors and other health professionals, once retired and no longer practising, require a first aid qualification after three years.

There will also be changes to the one day Appointed Person course for first aiders. It will become known as the Emergency First Aid at Work course, be more tightly regulated and include the annual half-day refresher session between courses.