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1.0 Introduction

Apex Initiatives Ltd (APEXi) are a provider of UK Mountaineering, Medical and First-Aid qualifications. This specification provides the key information for users to make an informed decision as to whether the qualification is suitable for their personal and/or business needs and fits the purpose for which they intend to use it.

2.0 Contact Information

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3.0 Document Version

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1.0	First issue.	January 2025

4.0 Qualification Objective

This qualification will develop and refresh the learner's knowledge, understanding, and skills required to support casualties in the workplace, providing they either:

- already hold a current first aid certificate.
- only require essential knowledge as an appointed person

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/I74.pdf>

All teaching is in accordance with the current Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines and other appropriate published guidelines represented by responsible medical opinion.



5.0 Legal Recognition

This qualification meets the requirements as a First Aid Annual Refresher in accordance with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

[First aid at work: The Health and Safety \(First Aid\) Regulations 1981. Guidance on Regulations L74](#)

The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) provides guidance on selecting a first-aid training provider. The following link supports due diligence when selecting a first aid training provider.

[GEIS3 - Selecting a first aid training provider - A guide for employers](#)

Section 22.0 provides a completed copy of the document, demonstrating how APEXi are a diligent and responsible provider, meeting these legal requirements.

6.0 Recognition of Prior Learning

There is no recognition of prior learning associated with this qualification.

7.0 Qualification Details

Qualification name:	First Aid Annual Refresher
Reference number:	AIL-QUAL-FA-006
Delivery:	Face to face only
Assessor: Learner ratio	1:12 (maximum)
Total Qualification Time:	4
Guided learning hours:	4
Prior learning hours:	None
Valid for:	3 years
Assessment:	Observation of practice
Completion time:	Qualification must be completed within 4 weeks.

8.0 Assessment Units

This qualification requires successful completion of the following mandatory units:

1. AIL-UNIT-FAAR First Aid Annual Refresher

9.0 Certification

Certificates are produced electronically in accordance with:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/geis3.pdf>

10.0 Entry Requirements

Prior knowledge: For a First Aid Annual Refresher, a current first aid certificate is required.



As an appointed person only, no prior knowledge, skills or qualifications are required.

Minimum age:	Minimum 16 years. Learners aged 14-16 may undertake the qualification but must not be relied upon as sole first aiders.
Physical capability:	Learners must be able to demonstrate first aid procedures during assessment. The Learner must perform these in a simulated realistic work environment for the learner.
Language:	This course will be delivered in English. The learner must have sufficient understanding of the English language to understand the content and undertake the assessments. British Sign Language may be used but it is the sole responsibility of the learner to facilitate this.

11.0 Learner Identification

Prior to release of certificates, all candidates must provide 1 photographic or 2 non-photographic forms of identification that would be accepted by the Disclosure and Barring Service:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-identity-checking-guidelines/id-checking-guidelines-for-standardenhanced-dbs-check-applications-from-1-july-2021>

12.0 Venue Requirements

The venue must include provision for indoor teaching.

All venues must provide:

- Access to toilets, welfare, and refreshment facilities.
- Suitable seating and writing surfaces.
- Sufficient space for activities.
- Absence of distractions.

Indoor classrooms must be risk assessed prior to delivery and meet the current HSE standards:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/assets/docs/classroom-checklist.pdf>

13.0 Equipment Requirements

The following must be available at all venues:

- Presentation materials (flipchart, paper, pens, etc.).
- Audio visual aids (projector, laptop, etc.).
- Learning materials (reference books, handouts, etc).

Course specific materials required:

- Adult and child resuscitation manikins (minimum ratio 1:3 Learners).



- AED trainer (minimum ratio 1:3 Learners).
- Choking vest (or similar)
- Disinfectant wipes.
- Face shields.
- First aid kits containing a suitable variety of dressings, bandages, etc.
- Adrenaline autoinjectors/sprays (various current types).

Courses that include catastrophic bleeding:

- Manufactured tourniquet.
- Equipment to apply an improvised tourniquet.
- Replica wound for wound packing.
- Haemostatic dressings (or similar for demonstration purposes, i.e. bandage strips).

14.0 Recommended Resources

Suitable learning resources and reference manuals include:

- Emergency First Aid Made Easy (Nigel Barracough) or First Aid Made Easy (Nigel Barracough)
- First Aid Manual (St John Ambulance)
- Resuscitation Council (UK) First Aid Guidelines

15.0 Trainers and Assessors

Trainers and assessors must have occupational knowledge and competence in First Aid, its training and assessment. Acceptable evidence for both trainers and assessors are outlined in:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/qeis3.pdf>

All trainer's certifications and/or exemptions are available on request.

16.0 Course Evaluation

All candidates are encouraged to provide online course feedback prior to release of the certificate. All feedback is used to constantly review our courses and delivery.

17.0 Complaints Procedure

All complaints, however received, are processed and addressed in accordance with our Complaints Policy (AIL-POL-016), available on request.

18.0 Internal Quality Assurance

Internal Quality Assurers (IQAs) must meet the trainer/assessor requirements.

Additionally, they should also meet the qualifications required for an IQA outlined in:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/qeis3.pdf>



and demonstrate current evidence of quality assurance within the industry sector.

All IQA observations are undertaken annually by an external organisation.

19.0 Observation of Practice

Learners are assessed through practical assessments. These will be simulated practice, in accordance with the course learning outcomes.

Language: English

Duration: N/A

Pass Mark: 100%

Grading: Pass/Fail

If a Learner is unsuccessful with an observed practical assessment, they can be awarded a second attempt providing it is within the timescale of the qualification.

If a Learner fails the second attempt, with or without additional training, they will have failed the qualification and will be required to re-sit a full course.

20.0 Results

The candidate will be informed of their result at the end of the course.

21.0 References

This document is written in accordance with the following latest guidance from:

- Health and Safety Executive (HSE)
- Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK)



22.0 HSE First Aid Training Organisation Evaluation

Table 1 Checklist for evaluating the competence of first-aid training organisations

CHECK	YES	NO	NOTES
Trainers/assessors			
Do the trainers/assessors have a current FAW certificate or qualify for an exemption?	✓		<u>Section 15.</u>
Do the trainers/assessors have an appropriate training/ assessing qualification?	✓		<u>Section 15.</u>
Quality assurance			
Is there a documented quality assurance plan designating an individual to take responsibility for quality assurance, including assessment of the performance of trainers/ assessors at least annually?	✓		<u>Section 18.</u>
Does the designated person have a current FAW certificate or qualify for an exemption?	✓		<u>Section 18.</u>
Does the designated person have an assessing/verifying qualification?	✓		<u>Section 18.</u>
Is there a documented course evaluation procedure?	✓		<u>Section 16.</u>
Is there a documented complaints procedure?	✓		<u>Section 17.</u>
Teaching currently accepted first-aid practice			



Is FAW/EFAW taught in accordance with current guidelines on adult basic life support published by the Resuscitation Council (UK), and for other aspects of first aid, in accordance with current guidelines published by the Voluntary Aid Societies or other published guidelines that are supported by a responsible body of medical opinion?	✓		<u>Section 4.</u>
Training syllabus			
Does the course content adequately meet the needs of your workplace as indicated by your first aid needs assessment?	✓		<u>Section 4.</u>
For FAW, does the syllabus include the topics listed in Appendix 1 and does the course include at least 18 training and assessment contact hours, over three days?	N/A	N/A	<u>Not applicable</u>
For FAW requalification, does the syllabus include the topics listed in Appendix 1 and does the course last at least 12 training and assessment contact hours, over two days?	N/A	N/A	<u>Not applicable</u>
For EFAW, does the syllabus include the topics listed in Appendix 2 and does the course last at least six training and assessment contact hours, over one day?	N/A	N/A	<u>Not applicable</u>
For EFAW requalification, does the syllabus include the topics listed in Appendix 2 and does the course last at least six training and assessment contact hours, over one day?	N/A	N/A	<u>Not applicable</u>
Certificates			
Do the certificates issued to students assessed as competent contain the name of the training organisation, the title of the qualification (e.g. FAW or EFAW), reference to the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, the date of issue and confirmation the certificate is valid for three years? (If training is neither FAW nor EFAW the certificate should also list the learning outcomes of the syllabus on which candidates have been assessed.)	✓		<u>Section 9.</u>



23.0 Assessment Unit 1

LEARNING OUTCOMES		
Unit:	Emergency First Aid Annual Refresher	
Reference:	AIL-UNIT-FAAR	
Guided Learning Hours	4 hours	
Unit Summary: The learner will refresh / develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to effectively manage first aid emergencies.		
Learning outcome <i>In the context of first aid, the learner will:</i>	Objective <i>In the context of first aid, the learner can:</i>	Evidence
0. Understand the course requirements.	0.1 Register attendance and meet Instructor/Learners. 0.2 Understand the course health and safety requirements. 0.3 Understand the course timings. 0.4 Understand the use of mobile phones and electronic devices. 0.5 Understand the course specifics. 0.6 Understand the assessment process.	Not Required
1. Understand the roles and responsibilities of a first aider.	1.1 Identify the role and responsibilities of a first aider. 1.2 Identify how to minimise the risk of infection to self and others. 1.3 Identify the need to establish consent. 1.4 Identify first aid equipment that should be available and its safe use. 1.5 Complete an accident report form.	Observation of Practice
2. Be able to manage an incident.	2.1 Conduct a scene survey. 2.2 Conduct a casualty primary survey. 2.3 Summon appropriate help when necessary. 2.4 Demonstrate how to monitor a casualty until help arrives and handover to emergency services.	Observation of Practice
3. Be able to provide first aid to a casualty who is unresponsive and breathing normally.	3.1 Identify when to place a casualty in the safe airway position. 3.2 Demonstrate how to place a casualty in the safe airway position. 3.3 Demonstrate continual monitoring of airway and breathing for a casualty in the safe airway position.	Observation of Practice



	3.4 Identify how to administer first aid to a casualty who is having a seizure.	
4. Be able to provide first aid to a casualty who is unresponsive and not breathing normally.	4.1 Demonstrate when to commence Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and apply an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). 4.2 Demonstrate CPR and safe defibrillation on an adult, child or infant casualty. 4.3 Identify modifications to CPR and Defibrillation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pregnancy.• Children.	Observation of Practice
5. Be able to provide first aid to a casualty who is choking.	5.1 Identify when a casualty is choking. 5.2 Demonstrate how to administer first aid to an adult, child, or infant who is choking.	Observation of Practice
6. Be able to provide first aid to a casualty with external bleeding	6.1 Identify whether an external bleed is life threatening (catastrophic). 6.2 Demonstrate control of external bleeding using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct pressure.• Dressings.• Tourniquets.	Observation of Practice