

QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

FAA LEVEL 3 AWARD IN IMMEDIATE
MANAGEMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS (RQF)

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OF ANAPHYLAXIS AT SCQF LEVEL 6



Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can develop rapidly.

This qualification provides the knowledge and practical competence required to promptly recognise and manage a casualty with anaphylaxis until emergency medical assistance arrives.

This qualification is regulated in the UK and awarded by First Aid Awards (FAA).

FAA are an awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual and Qualifications Scotland Accreditation and the qualification sits on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) and the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

The qualification is delivered, assessed, and quality assured adhering to the [Assessment Principles for Regulated First Aid Qualifications](#), and delivered and assessed in accordance with the current Resuscitation Council UK Guidelines.



QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

The qualification consists of one unit which learners must successfully complete to achieve the qualification.

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

FAA qualifications have set learning outcomes and assessment criteria. The learning outcomes describe the skills and knowledge a learner will gain by successfully completing the qualification. The assessment criteria state the skills, knowledge, and competence a learner will be required to demonstrate during assessment.

Qualification number	RQF 601/4738/6	SCQF R416 04
The qualification consists of one unit		

Unit title	Recognition and Management of Anaphylaxis
RQF unit code	J/506/6603
SCQF unit code	UG40 04
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	6 hours
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	7 hours

LEARNING OUTCOMES The learner will:	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA The learner can:
<p>1. Know how to recognise a casualty with anaphylaxis</p>	<p>1.1 Describe anaphylaxis</p> <p>1.2 Identify triggers for anaphylaxis</p> <p>1.3 Describe life threatening problems associated with the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway • Breathing • Circulation • Disability (neurological status) • Exposure (skin and mucosal changes) <p>1.4 Explain the need for an early call for help</p> <p>1.5 Explain the treatment for anaphylaxis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of trigger • Auto-injector <p>1.6 Identify key feature of adrenaline-auto injectors</p>
<p>2. Be able to manage a casualty who is breathing normally</p>	<p>2.1 Conduct a scene survey</p> <p>2.2 Conduct an initial assessment using the ABCDE approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway • Breathing • Circulation • Disability • Exposure <p>2.3 Position the casualty presenting with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty in breathing • Life threatening circulation problems • Unconsciousness
<p>3. Be able to manage an unresponsive casualty who is not breathing normally</p>	<p>3.1 Recognise the need to commence cardiopulmonary resuscitation</p> <p>3.2 Demonstrate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) using adult or child manikin</p>
<p>4. Be able to manage a casualty with anaphylaxis</p>	<p>4.1 Recognise the need to use an auto-injector</p> <p>4.2 Prepare medication for administration during anaphylaxis treatment</p> <p>4.3 Demonstrate the safe use of an adrenaline auto-injector using training device</p> <p>4.4 Safely dispose of sharps according to agreed ways of working</p> <p>4.5 Hand over the casualty to a medical professional</p>

Additional information

CPR – minimum demonstration time of 2 minutes at floor level. May additionally include use of rescue breath barrier devices



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The qualification is available to learners aged 16 or over.

It is recommended that learners hold a minimum of level 1 in literacy or equivalent to undertake this qualification.

It may be possible to grant a reasonable adjustment for a learner who has a disability, medical condition or learning need following the [FAA Reasonable Adjustment and Special Consideration Policy](#). For example, assistance could be given with reading or writing.

Due to the practical nature of the first aid assessment there are physical demands. Learners must be able to get to the floor unaided and successfully demonstrate all required elements of the practical assessment on their own, with the casualty on the floor, as in a real-life situation. For example, a learner will need to get to the floor unassisted and demonstrate effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a manikin at floor level.

If a learner has any concerns they should contact their training provider to discuss before attending the course.

QUALIFICATION DELIVERY

The qualification has 6 assigned guided learning hours (GLH) and 7 hours total qualification time (TQT).

GLH indicates the number of contact hours that the learner will undertake being taught or assessed under the immediate guidance or supervision of the trainer/assessor in the classroom.

TQT includes GLH but also considers any unsupervised learning or preparation that a learner may undertake independently which could include self-study or the completion of set tasks.

The minimum classroom contact time of 6 hours can be delivered in 1 day or can be completed over a maximum of 3 weeks ensuring that each session is a minimum of two hours.

The learner ratio for the qualification is a maximum of 12 learners to 1 trainer/assessor.

QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT

The qualification is assessed through practical demonstration and written assessment and a learner must pass both assessments to be awarded the qualification.

There is no grading of the assessment, learners pass or are referred.

Practical assessment

Scenarios are set recreating a real-life situation as far as possible to enable a learner to demonstrate their knowledge and practical skills.

The practical assessment is ongoing throughout the course with the trainer/assessor making learners aware of when they are being assessed and what they are required to demonstrate.

A learner must satisfactorily complete each scenario to pass the practical assessment.

Written assessment

The learner must pass a written assessment.

QUALIFICATION VALIDITY

The qualification is valid for three years from the date of achievement.

It is strongly recommended that the learner attends annual refresher training.

Requalification

To requalify learners will need to complete the full 6-hour course again.



PROGRESSION

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress on to other FAA first aid and related qualifications. FAA also offer qualifications in health and safety including fire safety and manual handling, food safety, safeguarding, and first aid for mental health if a learner wanted to diversify.

Qualification specifications for all FAA qualifications can be found on the [FAA website](#).

