

ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (ACT) INC

Changes to First Aid Units in 2021

New course units:

- HLTAID009 Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (formerly HLTAID001)
- HLTAID010 Provide basic emergency life support (formerly HLTAID002)
- HLTAID011 Provide First Aid (formerly HLTAID003)
- HLTAID012 Provide First Aid in an education and care setting (formerly HLTAID004)

What you need to know if you have already completed your course in 2020:

- HLTAID001 – Will remain recognised and valid for 12 months from the date of your course
- HLTAID002 – Will remain recognised and valid for 3 years from the date of your course
- HLTAID003 – Will remain recognised and valid for 3 years from the date of your course
- HLTAID004 – Will remain recognised and valid for 3 years from the date of your course

FAQs

Why are the changes being made?

Every year the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) look at the results of first aid training and decide on whether changes need to be made to improve course delivery and student outcomes.

In 2020, ASQA announced new recommendations to a number of course units. These changes relate to the delivery and assessment of first aid training.

I recently studied the course that is being phased out, do I need to re-do my course?

No. Recognition of the superseded course names and units will remain. The validity of your qualification will remain fully recognised for its full, intended duration, (until it expires, or you are required to take a refresher).

When will the new units start being offered?

St John Ambulance ACT will start running courses with the new units in February 2021.

Will the validity of the certificate be affected due to the changes?

No. All first aid certificates will remain fully recognised for its full, intended duration, (until it expires, or you are required to take a refresher).

12 months for Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and 3 years for Provide First Aid.

I would like to do the Advanced First Aid course in the future. How do these changes affect me?

If you have completed the old units, you will need to complete the new units if you intend on doing the Advanced First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation or Occupational First Aid courses in the future. Speak to our Administration Team if you have any concerns on (02) 6282 2399 or training@stjohnact.com.au.

Has there been a change in content with the change of units?

The content has not changed. The changes only relate to the delivery and assessment of the courses.

How do I know which course is right for me?

If you regularly renew your CPR and first aid skills, the assessment only courses are suitable for you. If you are training for the first time or it has been a long time since you have completed your first aid training, you should do the longer version of the course.