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## Statement

### *First Aid 4 Life First Aid at Work qualifications more highly accredited than those of St John Ambulance, British Red Cross, St Andrew's First Aid and Industry Body*

Voluntary Aid Societies (St John Ambulance, British Red Cross, St Andrews First Aid) and Industry Body are peddling untruths about First Aid at Work training in the future.

They have suggested that they are **not** affected by the changes being introduced by the re-definition of the HSE's role, that they are the **only** legitimate providers of First Aid at Work training and that other provider's certificates will not be worth the paper they are printed on.

These statements and many others are completely untrue.

1. First Aid 4 Life is a 'training centre' who deliver first aid qualifications accredited by ITC who are an 'Awarding Organisation' (AO).
2. Awarding Organisations provide accredited regulated qualifications in First Aid at Work and Emergency First Aid at Work that are nationally recognised.

3. Qualification regulators (in ITC's case Ofqual & SQA) require that AO's have dedicated quality assurance processes, and approve and monitor their 'training centres' to ensure they deliver FAW and EFAW training in accordance with the following: -
- a. the qualification expected of trainers and assessors;
  - b. monitoring and quality assurance systems;
  - c. teaching and standards of first aid practice;
  - d. syllabus content; and
  - e. certification.
4. Net result: -
- a. **ALL** of our first aid at work training qualifications are nationally accredited and regulated and do not require due diligence (see later) to determine competency; I quote **“Due to awarding organisations offering ‘regulated qualifications’, you do not have to use the checklist to satisfy yourself of the competency of that organisation.”**
  - b. **ALL** of our first aid at work training qualifications meet the most demanding quality standards required by Awarding Organisations.
  - c. **NONE** of the first aid at work qualifications offered by the Voluntary Aid Societies or Industry Body meet these standards to the same degree as our accredited qualifications.

To support the above assertions, here are the actual facts taken from the new draft guide for employers from the HSE entitled ‘Selecting a first aid training provider’ (General Information Sheet 3)\* which states that: -

- Future First Aid at Work (and Emergency First Aid at Work) qualifications will be available from a number of sources and it will be down to employers to identify and select a competent training provider.
- It will also be important for employers to carry out ‘due diligence’ (reasonable investigation) in selecting a training provider, the level of which will be determined by the following: -

Option	Training provider	Level of due diligence required
Awarding Organisation	Provide nationally accredited <b>REGULATED</b> qualifications in FAW & EFAW.	<b>NO</b> due diligence required
Voluntary Aid Societies (St John Ambulance, British Red Cross and St Andrew’s First Aid)	Have SIMILAR quality assurance processes & procedures. The qualifications provided are <b>NON-REGULATED</b> for FAW and EFAW.	<b>SOME</b> due diligence required
Industry Body	May have suitable quality assurance system and other suitable requirements. The FAW & EFAW qualifications are <b>NON-REGULATED</b> & will need to be <b>FULLY VERIFIED</b>	<b>FULL</b> due diligence required

**DO NOT BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU ARE TOLD - WE REST OUR CASE!!!!!!**

\* <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/geis3.htm>