



Criteria for effective paediatric first aid training

In order to meet the requirements of the EYFS, paediatric first aid courses must be approved by the local authority in whose area the early years provision is located, and must meet the following criteria:

- 1 Training is designed for workers caring for children in the absence of their parents².
- 2 The training leading to a certificate or a renewal certificate is a minimum of 12 hours.
- 3 The first aid certificate should be renewed every three years.
- 4 Resuscitation and other equipment includes baby and junior models, as appropriate.
- 5 Training covers appropriate contents of a first aid box for babies and children.
- 6 Training should include recording accidents and incidents.
- 7 The course covers the following areas:
 - 7.1 Planning for first aid emergencies involving babies and children.
 - 7.2 Dealing with emergencies involving babies and children.
 - 7.3 Resuscitating babies and children.
 - 7.4 Recognising and dealing with shock in babies and children.
 - 7.5 Recognising and responding appropriately to anaphylactic shock in babies and children.
 - 7.6 Recognising and responding appropriately to electric shock in babies and children.
 - 7.7 Recognising and responding appropriately to bleeding in babies and children.
 - 7.8 Responding appropriately to burns and scalds in babies and children.
 - 7.9 Responding appropriately to choking in babies and children.
 - 7.10 Responding appropriately to suspected fractures in babies and children.
 - 7.11 Responding appropriately to head, neck and back injuries in babies and children.
 - 7.12 Recognising and responding appropriately to cases of poisoning in babies and children.
 - 7.13 Responding appropriately to foreign bodies in eyes, ears and noses of babies and children.
 - 7.14 Responding appropriately to eye injuries in babies and children.
 - 7.15 Responding appropriately to bites and stings in babies and children.
 - 7.16 Responding appropriately to the effects of extreme heat and cold in babies and children.
 - 7.17 Responding appropriately to febrile convulsions in babies and young children.
 - 7.18 Recognising and responding appropriately to the emergency needs of babies and children with chronic medical conditions, including epilepsy, asthma, sickle cell anaemia, diabetes.
 - 7.19 Recognising and responding appropriately to meningitis and other serious sudden illnesses.

² Training should also take account of any guidance on first aid for schools issued by the Department for Education and Skills, and guidance on standard first aid at work training requirements issued by the Health & Safety Executive.