

SAFE ADMINISTRATION OF LIFESAVING MEDICATION

Goal:


To provide healthcare professionals with the skills and confidence to administer lifesaving medication safely and effectively in emergency and urgent care scenarios.

Target group:

Professionals employed by a Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered organisation who are responsible for administering lifesaving medications, such as ambulance technicians, medical technicians, and associate practitioners.

Highlights:

- Meets Skills for Health standards for medication administration in emergencies.
- Emphasises patient safety and the practical skills needed for effective medication delivery.
- Includes assessments in real-life scenarios for competency in medication management.



Qualsafe Level 3 Award in the Safe Administration of Lifesaving Medication (RQF)



Course length

16 hours (2 days)



Instructor

1:6



Period of validity

3 years

Certification



Qualsafe certificate of achievement, valid for three years; maintained in a continuing professional development (CPD) portfolio.

Venue



Llanllechid, Bangor, Gwynedd, North Wales LL57 3HY. Any suitable training facility equipped for practical medication administration exercises. Please contact to discuss.

Description

The Qualsafe Level 3 Award in the Safe Administration of Lifesaving Medication (RQF) trains healthcare personnel in the safe, effective delivery of lifesaving medications in prehospital or emergency settings. Guided by industry standards from the Resuscitation Council UK and Skills for Health, this qualification develops skills in patient assessment, dosage calculations, medication administration, and post-administration monitoring. Participants complete practical assessments and a learner workbook to demonstrate competency, meeting the criteria for emergency response roles. Completion enhances both skills and confidence in urgent care medication delivery.

Compliance:

The qualification and learning outcomes comply with guidance from: Resuscitation Council (UK), Skills for Health Assessment Principles, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh – Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care, Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

Previous knowledge:

Current employment with a CQC-registered organisation (or overseas equivalent) and a valid Qualsafe Level 4 Certificate in First Response Emergency Care (RQF) or equivalent are required.

Requirements:

Learners must be at least 18 years old and meet Level 2 literacy and numeracy standards.

Progression:

Supports progression to related qualifications and career development in prehospital or urgent care fields.

Theoretical elements:

- Medication administration legislation and guidelines
- Common lifesaving medications, side effects, and contraindications
- Incident management, patient consent, and record-keeping requirements

Practical elements:

- Patient assessment and medication dosage calculations
- Safe administration techniques for various drug routes
- Scenario-based assessments for real-world medication administration