

# GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS



The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the national regulator for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, has made some amendments to nationally accredited First Aid courses. Girl Guides Australia has reviewed the changes and have subsequently updated the first aid modules required as base requirements for Girl Guides Australia qualifications.

The changes relate to the delivery and assessment of the courses, not content. All first aid qualifications will remain fully recognised until expiration. When renewal is due the new module will need to be completed.

## **Effective from 1 June 2021:**

- The minimum first aid module required for Unit Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Managers is **HLTAID010 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support**.
- Outdoor Leaders and Leaders planning to undertake camping and adventure-based activities are required to complete **HLTAID011 Provide First Aid**.

## **Additionally, the following changes to first aid requirements have been approved by Girl Guides Australia:**

1. If a Leader or Manager is unable to complete the practical assessment of a first aid training, owing to physical challenges, they may apply for an exemption from holding the respective first aid qualification from their Region Manager or State Commissioner. The conditions of this exemption are:
  - a) Any Leader or Manager applying for an exemption to the practical assessment of first aid must complete as much of the qualification as they are physically able; and
  - b) Any Leader or Manager holding this exemption **MUST** be required to have another person who has the appropriate current First Aid qualification present at all Unit meetings or activities for youth members
2. First Aid requirement for the Girl Guides Australia Expedition Qualification  
The first aid minimum requirements for an Expedition qualification is HLTAID011 Provide First Aid. The State Outdoors Manager/Consultant may require the expedition leader to hold a higher level of first aid qualification, eg Provide First Aid in Remote or Isolated Site (HLTAID013), if it is identified as applicable in the risk assessment for a particular expedition.

The current practice in Girl Guiding in Australia is for CPR to be refreshed (not reassessed) annually. This remains unchanged.

The *Girl Guides Australia* and *GuideLines for Girl Guides* websites will be updated to reflect the changed requirements by 1 June 2021.

Changes to the qualification modules and Passports will be completed by 1 September 2021. Leaders and Managers working through Passports may continue working through their current Passport and note the changed requirements.