

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA

FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS



The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the national regulator for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, sets the syllabus for all nationally accredited first aid courses. Girl Guides Australia reviewed the requirements and subsequently clarified the first aid modules required as base requirements for Girl Guides Australia qualifications.

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

Requirements effective from 1 June 2021 remain and have not changed:

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

Requirements for accommodating Leaders and Managers unable to complete practical assessments due to physical challenges or disability have not changed but have been clarified:

1. If a Leader or Manager is unable to complete the practical assessment of 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 to do.
 - b) the training undertaken must be the units **HLTAID010 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support** and/or **HLTAID011 Provide First Aid** in accordance with the requirements of the role being performed.
 - c) the training must be provided by an Australian Registered Training Organisation that holds professional indemnity insurance. First aid training and certificates obtained from sources other than an Australian Registered Training Organisation are not acceptable in any circumstances; and
 - d) 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 requirement 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, e.g., **HLTAID013 Provide First Aid in Remote or Isolated Site** 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 *Guide Lines for Girl Guides* websites have been updated to reflect this.

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