



FAQ LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMBULANCE DRIVING (RQF)

PATHWAY 1 – CERADL3P1 (CLASS 3 AMBULANCE VEHICLES)

PATHWAY 2 – CERADL3P2 (CLASS 2 AMBULANCE VEHICLES)

PATHWAY 3 – CERADL3P3 (CLASS 2 AMBULANCE CARS)

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“To provide respected and valued qualifications and assessments to enable quality-assured learning.”

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A full list of all our qualifications can be found on our website:
<https://www.futurequals.com>

Introduction to Overview Qualification Specification

Welcome to the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** Overview Qualification Specification.

The aim of this overview qualification specification is to outline the qualification requirements and provide guidance to FutureQuals Centres regarding the administration, delivery and assessment of this qualification. It is recommended that you study this specification in detail, becoming fully conversant with the procedures and accompanying documents, including the full qualification specification, which contains detailed Component criteria and assessment information.

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Qualification Information

Qualification Title:	FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)
Qualification Level:	3
Qualification Product Code:	CERADL3
Qualification Number:	603/7901/7 and C00/4531/5
Qualification Type:	RQF
Regulated by:	Ofqual, CCEA and QW
Apprenticeship Standards:	This qualification is included as a requirement of the following apprenticeship standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Ambulance Practitioner Standard (ST0287)• Ambulance Support Worker (Emergency, Urgent and Non-Urgent) Standard (ST0627)

Purpose and Aims

The purpose of the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** is to provide Learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding required to prepare, drive and manoeuvre ambulance vehicles under both routine and emergency response conditions.

This qualification meets the requirements for ambulance service drivers to claim exemptions under road traffic legislation and to operate to the specification of the Road Traffic Regulations Act (exemption for speed limit regulations).

This qualification is aimed at individuals who work, or intend to work, as an ambulance support worker, associate ambulance practitioner or an HCPC registered paramedic.

This qualification forms part of our Ambulance Service Driving Qualification Suite.

Qualification Size and Registration Length

Minimum credits required to achieve this qualification: **15**

Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification: **120 hours**

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification: **150 hours**

Registration Length: The registration length for this qualification is **3 months**.

Endorsements, Framework Mapping Information and Qualification Equivalencies

The Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving SQCF Level 6 is recognised as an equivalent to the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Qualification Fees

Please visit our website for information on registration fees, applicable assessment resit fees, and to view our *Fees and Pricing Policy*.

Funding Information

The **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** may be eligible for public funding, as determined by the Department for Education (DfE), Qualification Wales and the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland.

For information regarding potential sources of funding, please contact your local funding office.

Qualification Structure – Components, Rules of Combination and Requirements

To achieve the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)**, Learners must meet the rules of combination and follow any guidance relating to pathways, barred Components and Component order.

Pathways - Learners must choose one of the three pathways, based on the vehicle that all learning and assessment will take place in:

Qualification Pathways			
Pathway 1	CERADL3P1	Class 3 Ambulance Vehicles	Ambulance (medium) vehicles with 4 or more wheels and a gross vehicle weight exceeding 3500kg, but not exceeding 7500kg
Pathway 2	CERADL3P2	Class 2 Ambulance Vehicles	Ambulance (light) vehicles with 4 or more wheels and a gross vehicle weight of at least 3250kg, but not exceeding 3500kg
Pathway 3	CERADL3P3	Class 2 Ambulance Cars	Ambulance response cars (RRV, RRU, SRU, FRV and PRU) with 4 or more wheels and a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 3500kg

Rules of Combination - Learners must achieve the two mandatory Components from *Group M – Mandatory Components* of their chosen pathway.

Pathway 1 – CERADL3P1 (Class 3 Ambulance Vehicles)					
Group M – Mandatory Components					
Component Number	Component URN	Component Name	Credit Value	GL	Component Level
1	K/618/8574	Principles of Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving	7	40	3
2	M/618/8799	Class 3 Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving	8	80	3

Pathway 2 – CERADL3P2 (Class 2 Ambulance Vehicles)					
Group M – Mandatory Component					
Component Number	Component URN	Component Name	Credit Value	GL	Component Level
1	K/618/8574	Principles of Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving	7	40	3
3	Y/618/8800	Class 2 Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving	8	80	3

Pathway 3 – CERADL3P3 (Class 2 Ambulance Cars)					
Group M – Mandatory Component					
Component Number	Component URN	Component Name	Credit Value	GL	Component Level
1	K/618/8574	Principles of Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving	7	40	3
4	D/618/8801	Class 2 Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Car Driving	8	80	3

Barred Components – Only one pathway may be chosen.

Component Order – The *Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed* assessment, the *Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings* assessment and the *Pre-Emergency Response Driving Competence Assessment* **must** all be completed and passed **before** proceeding on to the high-speed driving learning outcomes of Component 2/3/4 (dependent on the pathway).

Qualification Assessment

The purpose of assessment is to ensure that effective learning has taken place and to provide Learners with the opportunity to present evidence, demonstrating how they have met the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

Method of Assessment

The following assessment methods and materials, developed by FutureQuals, must be used for assessment of the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** qualification:

- *FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF) Evidence Log (there is a specific evidence log for each pathway)*
- *FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF) Learner Work Product Document*
- *Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed (XAMS assessment)*
- *Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings (XAMS assessment)*
- *Ambulance Driving Principles: Legislation, Roadcraft and The Highway Code (XAMS assessment)*

The *Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed* assessment, the *Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings* assessment and the *Pre-Emergency Response Driving Competence Assessment* must all be completed and passed before proceeding on to the high-speed driving learning outcomes of Component 2/3/4 (dependent on the pathway).

All evidence produced by the Learner must be their own.

Assessment Principles

FutureQuals qualifications will always publish Assessment Principles, whether they have been developed by a Sector Skills Council (SSC) or are FutureQuals' own.

The **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** qualification must be assessed according to the *FutureQuals Assessment Principles* and the *FutureQuals Assessment Principles for Emergency Response Ambulance Driving Qualifications*.

Grading

The overall qualification is graded as Pass or Fail.

Resits

Learners can attempt the *Final Independent Driving Assessment* a maximum of two times. However, in exceptional circumstances, and when prior approval from FutureQuals has been granted, Learners may undertake a third attempt.

Learners can attempt each of the knowledge assessments a maximum of two times. However, in exceptional circumstances, and when prior approval from FutureQuals has been granted, Learners may undertake a third attempt.

All resit attempts must be completed within the qualification registration period.

Qualification Resources

Source Reference Tools and Required Reading

In support of delivering the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)**, FutureQuals recognises the use of the current editions of the following publications as source reference tools:

- *The Emergency Ambulance Response Driver's Handbook* – initiated by the Driver Training Advisory Group (DTAG), endorsed by the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) and published by Class Professional Publishing
- *Roadcraft: The Police Driver's Handbook*, The Police Foundation – endorsed by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), Police Scotland, Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE), Driving Road Safety (IAM), College of Policing, Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), and published by The Stationery Office (TSO)
- The Highway Code - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code> (updated March 2022)

Learning Resources and Sample Assessments

In support of delivering this qualification, FutureQuals has created the following resources and sample assessments:

- *FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF) Overview Qualification Specification*
- *FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF) Full Qualification Specification (including the FutureQuals Assessment Principles for Emergency Response Ambulance Driving Qualifications)*
- *FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF) Component 1 Reference Guide*
- *MCQ Sample Assessment - Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings* (XAMS and PDF)
- *MCQ Sample Assessment - Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed* (XAMS and PDF)
- *MCQ Sample Assessment - Ambulance Driving Principles: Legislation, Roadcraft and The Highway Code* (XAMS and PDF)
- All externally set assessments, as detailed in *Methods of Assessment*

The Head of Centre (and staff authorised by the HoC) at Centres approved to deliver this qualification will be provided with access to a SharePoint folder containing the full qualification specification, the evidence log, the Learner work product document, and any learning resources and assessment guides.

Please note, a mark and grade will not be produced for sample assessments and the assessment result has no impact on the Learner's final grade.

Learner Requirements and Information

Entry Requirements

Learners must:

- be 18 years of age (or older) on the first day of teaching
- possess the right values, behaviours and attributes appropriate to the role.
- not have any outstanding court cases, prosecutions or pending disciplinary action in any area being brought against them.
- have a contract with either an NHS ambulance service or a voluntary or private ambulance provider that is CQC registered and contracted to provide emergency ambulance provision to the NHS ambulance services. For devolved nations, this will be the CQC equivalent ambulance service, if applicable.
- hold a valid driving license for the class of vehicle being driven for the full duration of the qualification.

The Centre is responsible for ensuring that no Learner is accepted on to the programme where it is evident the validity period of their driving licence and/or the validity of the class of vehicle will not expand the full duration of their qualification. Should a Learner's driving licence expire, for whatever reason, the Learner must be placed on a break until such time their driving licence permits them to continue. The qualification must still, however, be completed within the qualification registration period or the Learner withdrawn until such time they can meet the required standards.

There are no formal qualification entry requirements that Learners must complete prior to completing the qualification. Learners will, however, need to have minimum core skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT to successfully complete the qualification. Initial assessment of minimum core skills may be carried out for all Learners commencing the qualification.

Please note, throughout the delivery of this qualification, Learners may also be referred to as 'Trainees'.

Ongoing Requirements

Throughout the qualification, Learners must always act in a professional manner, in accordance with agreed ways of working. Negative attitudes, values and behaviours will not be tolerated and could lead to suspension or withdrawal of registration. Learners must also notify their Tutor/Assessor immediately of any disciplinary actions, outstanding court cases or prosecutions. The Centre must then notify FutureQuals with immediate effect.

Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations

We are committed to improving access for Learners with disabilities and other difficulties, without compromising assessment.

Further details are provided in the *Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy*, which can be found on the FutureQuals website.

Identification Requirements

It is a Centre's responsibility to confirm the identity of a Learner as part of its registration process, and for any online assessments.

The following are acceptable examples of proof of a Learner's identity:

- a valid passport (any nationality)
- a national identity card issued by an EU country
- a Gibraltar identity card
- a signed UK photocard driving licence
- a valid warrant card issued by HM Forces or the Police
- other photographic ID card, e.g., employee ID card (must be current employer), student ID card or a travel card

Learner Authenticity

It is a regulatory requirement that assessment evidence is authenticated as the work of the named Learner. Therefore, FutureQuals require that a declaration of authenticity is signed by the Learner for each assessment submitted (this includes e-portfolio systems). If an assessment is conducted online through the XAMS platform, Learners will also be asked to declare that the assessment attempt is their own.

If a Centre uses their own pre-approved version of a FutureQuals evidence log or PAD, the same information must be captured as in the FutureQuals-issued evidence log/PAD, i.e., the assessment method, evidence reference, the Assessor's decision (including the signature and date to evidence completion of assessment) and the Learner's declaration of authenticity. The Learner must sign and date the declaration.

Crossover Routes for Additional Pathways

Successful completion of this qualification only authorises the Learner to drive at high speeds in the class of vehicle in which the qualification was delivered and assessed.

For Learners wishing to qualify on an additional pathway post-achievement of this qualification, they must be registered on, and achieve, the new pathway separately.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessing and validating learning, achievement or credit that considers whether a Learner can demonstrate they meet the assessment requirements for a Component. This may be through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess.

Provided the assessment requirements of a given Component or qualification have been met, the use of RPL is acceptable for the achievement of a Component(s) or a whole qualification. For further information, Centres should refer to the *FutureQuals Recognition of Prior Learning Policy*, which can be found on the FutureQuals website.

Requalification

Once awarded, the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** certificate does not expire. However, it is a CPD requirement of the qualification that Learners must complete refresher training in line with government guidance, in order to continue in a role involving emergency response ambulance vehicle driving. Attainment and evidencing of CPD is the responsibility of the Learner and their employer. Evidence of CPD does not need to be provided to FutureQuals, unless requested.

Progression Opportunities

This **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** can support progression on to the following qualifications:

- FAQ Level 4 Diploma in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving Instruction
- FAQ Level 3 Diploma in Ambulance Emergency and Urgent Care Support
- FAQ Level 4 Diploma for Associate Ambulance Practitioners (RQF)

Component 1 - Principles of Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (K/618/8574) of this qualification is common to, and therefore meets the requirements of:

- Component 1 - Principles of Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (K/618/8574) in the FAQ Level 3 Extended Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)

The **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)** can support progression on to the following job roles:

- Ambulance Support Worker
- Associate Ambulance Practitioner
- HCPC Registered Paramedic

Centre Requirements and Information

Qualification Delivery Requirements

Resources: Centres must have in place vehicles of appropriate performance and capability for all pathways they are approved to deliver. Vehicles used in the delivery of speed training courses must also meet the requirements as set out in the most current version of the Road Traffic Regulations. All Component-specific vehicle requirements must also be met.

Learner Ratios: The ratio of Learners to Assessors during all driving practical elements must not exceed 3:1, with one Learner driving the vehicle and the other two Learners observing.

Guided Learning Hours in Blocks/Modules: Where training is provided in blocks/modules, these should be no less than 15 hours in total over two days.

Teaching Hours: The teaching requirements for this qualification are based on a 37.5-hour teaching week. However, days may be extended to accommodate the requirements of driving during the hours of darkness. The minimum course length should be no less than three calendar weeks.

Assessment: Assessment must be carried out as outlined in the Qualification Assessment section of this specification.

Workforce Requirements

In order to deliver, assess and quality assure the **FAQ Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (RQF)**, Centres must first have applied for, and received, approval to offer the qualification. All Centres must also gain separate approval for each of the pathways they wish to deliver. Please note, approval for Pathway 3 will be by exception.

Centres must have in place appropriately experienced and qualified staff. This includes Tutors, Assessors, Invigilators and Internal Quality Assurers (IQAs). All workforce requirements can be found in the *FutureQuals Emergency Response Ambulance Driving Assessment Principles*.

Component Specifications

Component 1: Principles of Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving

Component Reference Number: K/618/8574

Level: 3

Credits: 7

GL: 40 hours

Component Summary

This Component assesses the knowledge and understanding required to prepare, drive and manoeuvre ambulance vehicles under both routine and emergency response conditions, including relevant legislation, pre-driving checks, navigation, the effects of adverse conditions, safety systems, and human factors.

Required Reading

In support of delivering this Component, FutureQuals recognises the use of the current edition of the following publications as source reference tools:

- *The Emergency Ambulance Response Driver's Handbook* – initiated by the Driver Training Advisory Group (DTAG), endorsed by the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) and published by Class Professional Publishing
- *Roadcraft: The Police Driver's Handbook*, The Police Foundation – endorsed by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), Police Scotland, Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE), Driving Road Safety (IAM), College of Policing, Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), and published by The Stationery Office (TSO)
- The Highway Code - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code> (updated March 2022)

Learning Outcomes and Overview of Assessment Criteria

Learning Outcome – The Learner will:	Areas covered:
1. Understand current driving legislation, regulation and the responsibilities of an emergency response ambulance driver	Complying with legislation and driving regulation
	Consequences of disregarding legislation and driving regulation
	Exemptions available for routine and emergency response ambulance driving
	Incident management
	Driving in a range of weather conditions
	Emergency response ambulance driver responsibilities
	Ambulance vehicles within own organisation

2. Understand the purpose of completing ambulance vehicle daily inspections and pre-driving checks	Legal requirements of a pre-driving ambulance vehicle daily inspection
	Reasons for performing a pre-driving check
3. Understand procedures for driving on single carriageways, dual carriageways and motorways	Different types of roads
	Different types of motorways
	Procedure for breakdowns
	Different types of road furniture
	Traffic signs found in The Highway Code
	Signals found in The Highway Code
	Markings found in The Highway Code
	Situations requiring in-line, fend-in and fend-off positions
4. Understand the use of an ambulance vehicle's steering, braking, transmission and acceleration systems	Hand positioning and steering techniques
	Tapered braking
	Considerations for using brakes
	Static and mobile brake tests
	Braking technique and meeting the needs of the patient
	Manual transmission, automatic transmission and electric vehicles
	Driving economically and progressively
	Advantages of acceleration sense
5. Understand the system of car control	The importance of smooth acceleration
	Phases of the system of car control
	Advantages of the system of car control
	Types of hazards
	Taking, using and giving information
6. Understand principles of safe cornering	Forward planning, anticipation and observation
	Factors to consider when approaching a bend
	Approaching and negotiating a bend
7. Understand principles of overtaking when driving an ambulance vehicle under both routine and emergency response conditions	The effect of vehicle condition and type on cornering
	Legal requirements for overtaking and passing on the left
	Effects of ambulance vehicle performance on overtaking
	Factors to consider when overtaking whilst driving under routine conditions
	Factors to consider when overtaking whilst driving under emergency response conditions

8. Understand principles of reversing and manoeuvring	Banksman requirements when reversing and manoeuvring
	Banksman signals
9. Understand how vehicle safety systems aid in maintaining ambulance vehicle stability and control	Types and causes of skids
	Avoiding skids
	Electronic Stability Programme and ABS braking
	Safety aids and vehicle stability
	Passive safety aids and active safety aids
10. Understand how human factors and actions contribute to becoming a better driver	Human factors that contribute to road traffic collisions
	Conflict situations
	Personal actions to reduce hostility
	Coping strategies used to combat the effects of stress
	Potential causes of decreased driver alertness
	Impact of fatigue during daylight hours and hours of darkness
	Techniques to use when affected by fatigue
11. Understand the effects of driving an ambulance vehicle during the hours of darkness	Preparation requirements for driving an ambulance vehicle during the hours of darkness
	Dealing with dazzle from other road users' lights
	Speed perception during the hours of darkness
12. Understand emergency response ambulance driving practices	Factors to consider when claiming exemptions
	Risk assessment process
	Audible and visual warnings

Component 2: Class 3 Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving

Component Reference Number: M/618/8799

Level: 3

Credits: 8

GL: 80 hours

Component Summary

This Component assesses the knowledge, skills and understanding required to drive a class 3 ambulance vehicle under both routine and emergency response conditions.

The *Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed* assessment, the *Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings* assessment and the *Pre-Emergency Response Driving Competence Assessment* must all be completed and passed before proceeding on to the high-speed driving learning outcomes of this Component.

Required Reading

In support of delivering this Component, FutureQuals recognises the use of the current edition of the following publications as source reference tools:

- *The Emergency Ambulance Response Driver's Handbook* – initiated by the Driver Training Advisory Group (DTAG), endorsed by the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) and published by Class Professional Publishing
- *Roadcraft: The Police Driver's Handbook*, The Police Foundation – endorsed by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), Police Scotland, Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE), Driving Road Safety (IAM), College of Policing, Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), and published by The Stationery Office (TSO)
- The Highway Code - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code> (updated March 2022)

Learning Outcomes and Overview of Assessment Criteria

Learning Outcome – the Learner will:	Areas covered:
1. Be able to comply with current legislation and driving regulations at all times	Complying with The Highway Code
	Compliance with current legislation and driving regulations
2. Be able to carry out pre-driving checks and inspections	Ambulance vehicle daily inspections
	Pre-driving checks
	Carrying out ambulance vehicle checks and reporting vehicle defects

3. Be able to implement procedures when driving on multi-lane carriageways	Anticipating speed of other vehicles
	Anticipating other drivers' actions and behaviours
	Joining and exiting multi-lane carriageways
	Driving on multi-lane carriageways
4. Be able to use ambulance vehicle controls	Steering techniques to adjust ambulance vehicle position
	Maintaining passenger safety and vehicle stability
	Tapered braking
	Driving economically and progressively
	Using acceleration sense
5. Be able to use the system of car control to approach and negotiate hazards	Using the phases of the system of car control
6. Be able to negotiate bends safely whilst driving an ambulance vehicle	Positioning when negotiating bends
	Adjusting speed in response to the limit point
	Negotiating bends
7. Be able to overtake when driving an ambulance vehicle under routine and emergency response conditions	Identifying opportunities for overtaking
	Single-stage overtaking and three-stage overtaking
8. Be able to safely reverse, manoeuvre and position an ambulance vehicle using forward and reverse gears	Acting as a banksman
	Following the directions of a banksman
	Reversing and manoeuvring
	In-line, fend-in and fend-off positions
9. Be able to manage situations and human factors	Anticipating and responding to behavioural changes of other drivers
	Managing confrontational behaviour
	Managing effects of stress
	Managing distractions from within the vehicle
10. Be able to drive an ambulance vehicle during the hours of darkness	Preparing an ambulance vehicle for driving during the hours of darkness
	Managing dazzle from other road users' lights
	Using emergency warning equipment during the hours of darkness
	Managing effects of fatigue
11. Be able to drive under emergency response conditions	Using audible and visual warnings to facilitate safe progress
	Using emergency response ambulance vehicle exemptions
	Justifying the use of exemptions
	Facilitating an emergency call reprioritisation
	Reflecting on own driving practice

12. Be able to navigate under routine and emergency response ambulance driving conditions	Giving directional information to an ambulance driver
	Applying directional information from a colleague
	Using navigational aids

Component 3: Class 2 Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Driving

Component Reference Number: Y/618/8800

Level: 3

Credits: 8

GL: 80 hours

Component Summary

This Component assesses the knowledge, skills and understanding required to drive a class 2 ambulance vehicle under both routine and emergency response conditions.

The *Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed* assessment, the *Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings* assessment and the *Pre-Emergency Response Driving Competence Assessment* must all be completed and passed before proceeding on to the high-speed driving learning outcomes of this Component.

Required Reading

In support of delivering this Component, FutureQuals recognises the use of the current edition of the following publications as source reference tools:

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Learning Outcomes and Overview of Assessment Criteria

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	Compliance with current legislation and driving regulations
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	Joining and exiting multi-lane carriageways
	Driving on multi-lane carriageways
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	Driving economically and progressively
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6. Be able to negotiate bends safely whilst driving an ambulance vehicle	Positioning when negotiating bends
	Adjusting speed in response to the limit point
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	Reversing and manoeuvring
	In-line, fend-in and fend-off positions
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	Justifying the use of exemptions
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Component 4: Class 2 Routine and Emergency Response Ambulance Car Driving

Component Reference Number: D/618/8801

Level: 3

Credits: 8

GL: 80 hours

Component Summary

This Component assesses the knowledge, skills and understanding required to drive a class 2 ambulance car under both routine and emergency response conditions.

The *Theory Test Before Commencing On-road Training at Speed* assessment, the *Ambulance Driving Principles: Traffic Signs, Signals and Markings* assessment and the *Pre-Emergency Response Driving Competence Assessment* must all be completed and passed before proceeding on to the high-speed driving learning outcomes of this Component.

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