

New FAQ Level 3 Award for First Responders on Scene: Emergency First Responder qualification

FutureQuals are excited to announce the arrival of the new FAQ Level 3 Award for First Responders on Scene: Emergency First Responder qualification as part of our new suite of First Responders on Scene (FROS®) suite. This new suite of qualifications has been developed in collaboration with a group of NHS Ambulance Services and other key stakeholders to ensure that the content is relevant and of the highest quality.

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It is based upon the two other First Responder qualifications, (which make up the FROS® suite) which are delivered by Ambulance Services or organisations authorised by an NHS Ambulance Services across the country already.

The FROS® suite qualifications are:

1) FAQ Level 3 Award for First Responders on Scene: Emergency First Responder

It is aimed at individuals who intend to work as First Responders. And covers the core knowledge and skills relating to scene safety, patient assessment, life-threatening emergencies, illnesses, medical conditions, and injuries.

The Emergency First Responder qualification is also a perfect match for the security industry such as door supervisors and close protection operatives.

This qualification is classed as Category C on the FPHC PHEM Skills Framework - Nationally certificated pre-hospital responder (use of airway adjuncts & oxygen).

2) FAQ Level 3 Award for First Responders on Scene: Ambulance Service Community Responder

This qualification is aimed at individuals who volunteer, or intend to volunteer, as Ambulance Service Community Responders.

It covers the same components as the above qualification, as well as the principles of ambulance service first responder care.

This qualification is classed as Category C on the FPHC PHEM Skills Framework - Nationally certificated pre-hospital responder (use of airway adjuncts & oxygen).

3) FAQ Level 3 Award for First Responders on Scene: Ambulance Service Co-Responder

This qualification is aimed at individuals who support the Ambulance Service in addition to their primary role such as MOD, police and fire service staff.

It covers the same components as the above qualifications, as well as major trauma and patient extrication.

This qualification is classed as Category D on the FPHC PHEM Skills Framework - Nationally certificated non health care professional pre-hospital provider caring for patients as a secondary role e.g. Police Officers in Specialist Roles, Fire Service IEC, equivalent UKSAR trained personnel, Enhanced Community First Responder.

The FROS® Suite

The main purpose of the FAQ First Responder on Scene (FROS®) suite is to equip learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding to provide life-saving immediate emergency care in the crucial minutes before the arrival of advanced emergency medical care.

The FROS® suite of qualifications has been designed so that each of the three qualifications contain core components, enabling learners to access the most suitable qualification for their requirements. If a learner wants to gain further qualifications within the suite, they will only be required to complete the components not already covered in their previous qualification.

To further reduce duplication of learning, all three qualifications have been designed to meet and exceed all the requirements of First Aid at Work. It can therefore lead to further learning or employment opportunities.

Learners are assessed through online multiple-choice assessments and an evidence log, which consists of practical observations.

There are no formal entry requirements that a learner must have completed before taking this qualification, however, learners must be 18 or above.

We are currently developing further qualifications for the FROS® suite around extended care and remote and high-risk environments. So, watch this space!

Nicola Dunbar, Chair of the National First Responder Group and Head of Operations – Community Engagement & Training for South Central Ambulance Service was involved in the development of the new FROS® suite of qualifications and commented that “it will enable consistency in delivery and assessment and provides transferability for learners across NHS Ambulance Services and other providers. If I could use one word to describe the new suite of qualifications, it would be FANTASTIC!”

Louise Walker, Ambulance Education, Training and Engagement Lead for Isle of Wight NHS Trust, stated “The Isle of Wight NHS Trust is proud to support accredited qualifications for our first responders and thus aid in the delivery of high-quality care for every patient”.

If you are an individual looking to gain a qualification from the new FROS® suite, please contact us to find out more details on the centres offering the new suite.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The FutureQuals Team.