

First aid training is incredibly important so we can all be confident we have the knowledge to act safely and provide treatment in emergencies.

A first aid certificate is required by all roles requiring a Wood Badge. First aid training must be completed within 3 years of the role start date recorded on Compass. Thereafter, for as long as the adult is in a role that requires a Wood Badge, the training must be undertaken again no later than 3 years after the last recorded first aid training completion date on Compass. Note that all adults in roles (other than Trustee roles) are encouraged to gain a first aid certificate (minimum of First Response) and then to renew it every three years.

If your first aid certificate has expired during the pandemic, an extension was granted until the **end of January 2022 to become compliant** with your first aid training.

There are now several options for completing first aid training in Gwent. The minimum level First Response is now provided free at the point of delivery, and courses we offer with external trainers subsidised to an equivalent level.

Accessibility

The Scouts have a robust Equal Opportunities Policy, which outlines our commitment to ensuring that the Movement is open and accessible to all. Within this policy, we also have a commitment to make reasonable adjustments for members with disabilities to equally access Scouting. For any adult who may be physically unable to administer first aid eg provide CPR, move someone into the recovery position, a suitable reasonable adjustment for an assessor would be that the learner demonstrates they are independently able to successfully instruct/direct another adult (without the skills or knowledge) to physically provide the care on their behalf. This approach might not be applied by external qualification providers.

First Response – live online

Module 10A, consisting of:

Life support

2-hour Zoom/Teams session

- Thur 17 Feb 7-9pm



Trauma & injury

2-hour Zoom/Teams session

- Thur 10 Mar 7-9pm



Major illness

2-hour Zoom/Teams session

- Thur 31 Mar 7-9pm

(in any order)

... then ...

Module 10B – 30-minute practical assessment

See below for dates and venues.

First Response – blended approach

This option is currently approved by Headquarters for the completion of module 10A, and approval has now been extended until the **end of August 2022**.

E-learning

Completed online at your convenience

... then ...

Facilitated session and assessment

3-hour in-person session, completing module 10A, and covering the module 10B assessment.

Organised subject to demand

or

Online facilitated session

2.5-3 hour Zoom/Teams session

- Gwent dates tbc

ScoutsCymru courses (all 6:30-9:30pm)

- Thurs 17 Feb
- Mon 18 Feb

ScoutsCymru Eventbrite booking

... then ...

Module 10B – 30-minute practical assessment

See below for dates and venues.

First Response – practical assessment

For those who have completed module 10A via one of the above approaches, a 30-minute practical assessment is required to complete Module 10B.

Module 10B practical assessment

Saturday 19 February – 1st Rogerstone Scout headquarters, NP10 9FG (5pm, after the full course)

Saturday 12/Sunday 13 March – Botany Bay NP16 6SN (drop in at various times between other trainer commitments; enquire for availability)

Saturday 2 April – Centenary Hall, Usk (5pm, after the full course)

Sunday 3 April – 1st Gilwern Scout headquarters (5pm, after the full course)

Book online: booking.gwentscouts.org.uk or click underlined links above

First Response – one-day face-to-face course

First Response is a joint basic first aid training programme co-owned by Girlguiding and the Scouts and available to members of both organisations, with 6 hours of contact time with a trainer. It forms the minimum requirements laid down by Scouts for most activities, including Nights Away.

Sunday 19 February (daytime)

1st Rogerstone Scout headquarters, Wern Terrace, Newport NP10 9FG

[Book online](#)

Saturday 2 April (daytime)

Centenary Hall, Usk

[Book online](#)

Sunday 3 April (daytime)

1st Gilwern Scout headquarters

[Book online](#)

Outdoor First Aid certificate (2-day course)

This 2-day externally recognised certificate is classed as a “full first aid certificate” by Scouts and is the recognised requirement for activities in Terrain 2 or other areas more than 3 hours from assistance.

Sunday 20 and Saturday 26 March (£30 including subsidy)

1st Caerleon Scout headquarters, Cold Bath Road, Caerleon NP18 1NF

There are only 12 places in total on this course, so if it is a requirement for an activity permit you hold or are undertaking remote activities please [book this course](#) as soon as possible.

Due to volunteer commitments, we are usually only able to provide this course at this rate a maximum of twice a year.

Book online: booking.gwentscouts.org.uk or click underlined links above

External courses

Any course that is set by a reputable body, and covers the criteria, recognition and length requirements can be considered as a suitable alternative to a First Response certificate. Examples of reputable bodies include St John Ambulance, The British Red Cross, etc.

Where an external course does not cover an element of the syllabus listed the member should take the time to make themselves aware of the signs, symptoms, and treatment of these conditions, or undertake additional training in order to cover them. It's often possible for participants to request additional topics to be covered during a first aid course that they are attending or to speak with a local Scouts first aid trainer to cover the final elements.

Hampshire Scouts have also made available e-learning to cover the gaps between various courses and First Response:

- [Emergency First Aid at Work](#) (1 day)
- [First Aid at Work](#) (2 or 3 day)
- [Child First Aid courses](#)

For any of the above, please send the original certificate along with the e-learning certificate to your line manager, Training Adviser, or email trainingteam@gwentscouts.org.uk so Compass can be updated.

Professional recognition

The Scouts recognises that some professions by the nature of the job will have a first aid element; for example, nurses, midwives, police officers, medical practitioners, members of HM armed forces, ambulance care – assistants/paramedics/technicians, etc. To exempt these professions from undergoing more first aid training, they are required to provide evidence of an up-to-date qualification which should meet the criteria for what is considered our minimum standard. With regards to evidence, this can be a certificate, an official letter from the employer, or a copy of a CPD record confirming the necessary areas have been met.

Please discuss with your Training Adviser or email trainingteam@gwentscouts.org.uk