

Q: I was due to refresh my level 1, 2 or 3 just before Covid (early March 2020) can I still refresh to stay current or do I need to redo my last course or all of my courses?

- *The grace period has been extended by the First Aid Standard Setting Body, Skills.org, from the usual 3 months to 6 months. This means you now have until September 2020 to refresh. After the 6 month grace period from the date of your expiry (or, 2 years, 6 months after you completed the award) you will have to redo the full version of your awards.*

Other examples:

Bob's refresher was due by April 2020 – he now has until the end of October 2020 to complete the refresher course. If Bob does not refresh by the end of October 2020 he will need to re-sit all the courses that he has completed again ie: if Bob has done up to a SLSNZ First Aid Level 3 he will need to re-sit a full SLSNZ First Aid Level 1, a full SLSNZ First Aid Level 2 and a full SLSNZ First Aid Level 3 to regain his currency.

Eva's level 2 refresher is due by August 2020, she has until the end February 2021 to complete the refresher course

Q: I work in a job that first aid is a core skill I must have ie: Police, Fire services, Ambulance, do I have start at SLSNZ level 1? And who do I contact to find out?

- *If you believe your first aid qualification is equivalent or higher than the standard required to be recognised by SLSNZ, you can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL). The application form for this can be found here:
https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/988585/generic_rpl_application-form_nov_19.docx*
- *You can find out more detail about the required SLSNZ standard here:
https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/993395/slsnz-first-aid-training-info-for-clubs_2020-2021.pdf*

Q: One of our members has done their surf qualifications in First Aid certificates in the UK or Australia – do they have to resit all of SLSNZ first aid courses? – and who can I contact to find out?

- *Maybe. SLSNZ recognises some international lifesaving qualifications as equivalent to SLSNZ Level 1, 2 and 3.*
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- *Yes you do - The competencies covered in the SLSNZ level 1 are more than what is covered in a full Work Place First Aid level 1 and 2 (WFPA). SLSNZ First Aid level 1 also covers oxygen and automated external defibrillation (AED) as well as basic physiology of drowning and beach management.*

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Q: I have done a level 2 Work Place First Aid do I have to do the SLSNZ level 2?

- *Yes you do - The competencies covered in SLSNZ First Aid level 1 are the equivalent of a full Work Place First Aid (WFPA). level 1 and 2 The SLSNZ level 2 focusses on transport and spinal trauma management and further learning around defibrillation – this is not covered in an external Work Place level 2*

Q: How do I get my NZQA Unit Standard credits registered for completion of SLSNZ First Aid level 1 and what are they?

- *NZQA Unit Standards assessed for US 600, 6401, 6402 can be registered on completion of SLSNZ First Aid level 1 if a SLSNZ Member provides their NZQA number at the time they do the course. If for some reason you do not have your NZQA number on the day – you can contact your administrator or first aid provider and arrange to have this done. More information is available on the SLSNZ website: https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/993395/slsnz-first-aid-training-info-for-clubs_2020-2021.pdf*

Q: I did SLSNZ First Aid level 1 and 2 in 2019 and I am doing SLSNZ First Aid level 3 this year – can I get any NZQA Unit Standards registered for the level 2 and 3 that I complete this year?

- *Unfortunately no. The NZQA Unit Standards credits that were available for completing SLSNZ First Aid level 2 and 3 are no longer available due to changes in NZQA that came in at the end of 2019.*

Q: How do I check if my SLSNZ records have been updated? – who do I contact?

- *You can check your SLSNZ award details via the Member Portal:
<https://webportal.surflifesaving.org.nz/>*
- *If you have trouble logging in, or you feel there is an error with your records, you can contact the Education Team via member.education@surflifesaving.org.nz*

Q: My employer wants to know if my SLSNZ levels (ie: level 1, 2 and or 3) are equivalent to a Work Place First Aid – are they?

- *The competencies covered in SLSNZ First Aid level 1 are more than equivalent to a full Work Place First Aid (WPFA) level 1 and level 2. SLSNZ Members can get NZQA Unit Standards assessed for US 600, 6401, 6402 if they provide their NZQA number at the time they do the course. The SLSNZ First Aid level 1 covers more than a normal level 1 or level 2 WPFA as it covers Oxygen and AED as well!*