

# First Aid Guide

## Level of first aid required

All practicing full members must hold a current “Provide First Aid” certificate. This can be done through any Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that offers the course.

You **do not** need to have first aid in order to join.

- Send us a copy of your first aid certificate once you have it
- You will be listed as a non-practicing member until we receive it.

## Which first aid course?

The current nationally recognised course code is **HLTAID011 Provide First Aid**.

First Aid courses that exceed this level of training are also accepted – please check with the office if you are unsure.

The qualification is valid for three (3) years from the date of issue. The Australian Resuscitation Council recommends that you update the CPR component of the course annually, however it is not compulsory to do this for NHAHA membership.

## Renewals

To keep your first aid current, it is preferable to renew it prior to expiry, or at the latest within a month of it expiring.

## Exemptions for first aid

If you are a registered medical doctor, RN, EN or Midwife you do **not** need to also hold a first aid certificate, **but do let us know** so we can look you up on the AHPRA register (we will use your annual expiry date as your first aid expiry).

## What evidence is required

We require a copy of your current first aid certificate.

Please upload your new certificate via the members area of the NHAHA website or send this to us (by email is preferable) when you become a practicing full member and then each time you renew.

## Maintaining practicing status

***It is your responsibility to update us each time you renew your first aid***, but we send courtesy email reminders to help you remember. If we do not receive your new first aid certificate, your membership category will be changed to non-practicing full member and your Find a Practitioner entry will be disabled, until we receive your updated certificate.

## Overseas practitioners

Regardless of local legislation, First Aid is considered an important professional responsibility for those who work in healthcare and is therefore compulsory for members who wish to be listed as Full, Practicing members with NHAHA. However, the standard first aid certification for your country is all we require.