

COVID – 19 Update 03rd November 2020.

With England now under strict lockdown rules until 2nd December, what does this mean for Action Training & Consultancy Services Ltd operating in education and child-care settings, and in public-facing facilities?

Under the Government's latest guidance related to education and child-care setting, our qualifications are currently (as of 5th November) classed as “education” under the government guidelines, which means teaching, training and assessment can continue.

However, the purpose of the training should be determined by Action Training & Consultancy Services Ltd and / or the client as to whether it is a necessity the training takes place, or whether it can be delayed until restrictions have been lifted.

For instance, a learner requiring a First Aid at Work qualification because they work in a school or nursery is essential for their work purposes and therefore, it is a necessity the training takes place.

As the training required is for employees and not the general public, who would be going into their work premises, training can continue during lockdown as it is essential for staff to maintain their qualification ready for when facilities re-open again.

Even though training and assessment can continue, the governments in all areas of the country, are implementing restrictions to reduce the spread of the infection. Action Training & Consultancy Services have put in place the following.

- Social distancing will be maintained.
- The theory elements of a course can be delivered via a digital platform to reduce the amount of face-to-face interaction between learners
- PPE will be worn, including 3 ply masks (face coverings)
- The amount of close contact working will be kept to a minimum but for assessment purposes, the learner must demonstrate competence, which for First Aid and Lifesaving (Pool Lifeguard, Pool Emergency Responder) rescue breaths must be performed (appropriate PPE such as face shields or pocket masks used to mitigate the risks)
- Detailed risk assessments must be in place and continually reviewed and updated
- The environment the training is being delivered in is COVID secure

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