

# Advanced first aider to first aider<sup>2</sup>

A guide for existing advanced first aiders up-skilling in 2012. Based on TSC 06/11.

## Introduction

The new modular structure will be fully launched following the successful trials within the West Midlands from January 2012. All existing members will need to up-skill in order to remain operational and will need to undertake an assessment for role within 2012.



Look at the following table to see how you need to up-skill and fill in the boxes to keep track of your progress.

Module	Complete?	Date
1: Safeguarding and induction		
*1. Exempt: if you have completed Safeguarding for operational members		
3: Primary skills		
5: Infection prevention and control		
7: Administration and documentation		
10: Medication and consent		
11: Poisons and auto-injector		
*11. Exempt: if you have completed Anaphylaxis		
12: Medical conditions one		
15: First aider assessment for role		

## Advanced skills

As the basic standards change this means that 'advanced skills' become the norm; this in no way devalues the contribution that is made to St John Ambulance but it is a clear indication that we as members will become better trained, which will benefit the communities we serve. Whilst a previous Advanced first aider may change to a new First aider their skills will still exceed those of their old role.

## Other qualifications

Please note that by the end of 2012, members will need to be First aiders or Advanced first aiders under the new system and it will not be possible to hold other qualifications outside of the role. Members will not be able to hold other qualifications such as Medical gases unless they become Advanced first aiders under the new system.

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## New modules

- Module 1:  
**Safeguarding and induction**
- Module 2:  
**Moving and handling principles**
- Module 3:  
**Primary skills**
- Module 4:  
**Resuscitation**
- Module 5:  
**Infection prevention and control**
- Module 6:  
**Circulatory problems**
- Module 7:  
**Administration and documentation**
- Module 8:  
**Operational duties**
- Module 9:  
**Defibrillator**
- Module 10:  
**Medication and consent**
- Module 11:  
**Poisons and auto-injector**
- Module 12:  
**Medical conditions one**
- Module 13:  
**Medical conditions two**
- Module 14:  
**Bones, muscle and joint injuries**
- Module 15:  
**First aider assessment for role**