



FIRST AID AT WORK REGULATIONS: OCTOBER 2013

Changes to the first aid at work regulations: October 2013.

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The HSE have published draft changes to the first aid at work regulations, which are due to be implemented in October 2013. The changes place a greater onus on employers to make sure the first aid qualifications and training provider they choose is appropriate for their needs.

HSE has published new draft guidance to help employers assess the first aid requirements within their specific workplace. HSE has also produced separate guidance on how to select an appropriate first aid training provider. Both can be found on the HSE website. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/proposed-changes-first-aid-regulations.htm>

Employers are reminded that until the necessary legislative changes take effect that the existing law continues to apply - all first aid training for the purposes of first aid at work provision must be carried out by an HSE approved training provider or a training centre for an Ofqual accredited awarding organisation supported by HSE to deliver such training (these are listed on the HSE first aid web pages).

From October 2013, employers will be able to assess their own first aid needs and find a suitable training provider. To help with this assessment, providers like the St John Ambulance, give guidance and a simple calculator.

<http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/training-courses/courses-for-the-workplace/first-aid-for-the-workplace>

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