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Circular 029:20

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Subject: Update On First Aid Qualification Refresher Period

Attention: All members

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Kia Ora,

As you will be aware, the First Aid qualifications we use have a 2-year expiry period, with a 3-month grace period. These timelines are set by the Standard Setting Body (SSB) Industry Training Organisation (ITO) which, in the case of the FA we access (6400, 6401, 6402 as our foundation unit standards), is Skills Organisation. In effect, this means that once you have achieved the standards, you have 2 years and 3 months maximum to complete refresher training to keep your qualification 'active.'

Due to the current situation, all first aid training has stopped for the foreseeable future. Naturally, this has raised questions about expiry dates and grace periods as there will be members who either have expired certificates or have certificates which will expire soon.

The position Skills Organisation and NZQA have conveyed to providers is that they will extend the grace period to 5 months, with a mind to continually review this as the situation develops.

Developments will be made available as we receive them.

If you have any queries, please contact the SLSNR Training Supervisor on joel.ibbs@lifesaving.org.nz

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