

The International First Aid Attestation (IFAA)



The IFAA, International First Aid Attestation, is a recognition that a first aid training provided by a RCRC NS towards the general public, is consistent with the latest IFRC International first aid, resuscitation and education guidelines.



Process and methodology



Clinical Guidance



Educational principles

The IFAA frame of reference is based on the IFRC International first aid, resuscitation and education guidelines updated every five years, as well as additional recommendations jointly agreed on by National Societies and IFRC representatives during the IFAA pilot project.

IFAA is inspired from current RC RC initiatives towards high quality, evidence-based first aid education, such as the IFRC International first aid, resuscitation and education guidelines, the international Trainer of Trainers (ToTs) curriculum, and the European First Aid Certificate.

IFAA methodology relies on harmonisation rather than standardisation: the intention is not to have the same first aid training available around the world, but rather to reach a consensus on minimum agreed principles relying on evidence-based first aid recommendations and lessons learned from the experiences of the RCRC network.

The IFAA process consists of two stages towards IFAA awarding:

- stage 1: Self-assessment
- stage 2: Monitoring & Evaluation field visit

If all stages are duly completed and validated by GFARC, the IFAA is awarded to the training(s) for which the National Society applied.

IFAA is valid for 5 years and can be renewed afterwards.

The Global First Aid Reference Centre (GFARC) is a hub of technical expertise and support to the RCRC members on first aid, part of the IFRC Global Health Team and hosted by the French Red Cross. GFARC's objectives are to reduce the number of deaths and the severity of injuries as well as to make people and communities more resilient using first aid.

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Based on previous achievements in first aid and the wish expressed by RCRC NSs to create an international first aid recognition award, the purpose of the IFAA pilot project has been to define, together with RCRC NSs, the content, the process and the feasibility of IFAA.

The IFAA pilot project has included:

- **Contributions** of experts in first aid education, quality approach – including legal aspects – and communication to shape the IFAA content and process. These contributions have enriched the IFAA frame of reference mainly based on good practices from the field.
- **Field tests** of the IFAA process in 5 National Societies from the 5 IFRC regions, including lessons learned exercise following each field test.
- The setup of an **IFAA Representatives group**.
- **Consultations** of National Societies and IFRC representatives for IFAA to respond as far as possible to the needs and wishes of each and every National Society in line with their first aid education strategy.



The IFAA will be open to all National Societies following the publication of the IFRC International first aid, resuscitation and education guidelines in the first quarter of 2021.

The IFAA project team is based within the IFRC GFARC in close collaboration with the IFRC Geneva Global Health Team.

Contributors – the “IFAA working group”, composed of members from National Societies, IFRC and of IFAA Representatives – shared lessons learned from the IFAA field tests and brought their inputs to the IFAA process based on their field expertise.

At the final stage of the IFAA pilot project, first aid coordinators from RCRC NSs were consulted on the IFAA content and process.