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# Circular

<b>Reference:</b>	2017/01 QQI CL
<b>Title:</b>	Occupational First Aid (Award Code 5N1207) Recognition Changes
<b>Issued by:</b>	Award Standards Unit, Qualifications Directorate
<b>Subject:</b>	Changes to recognition of Occupational First Aid (Award Code 5N1207) to be introduced from 1 September 2017
<b>Recipients:</b>	All Providers
<b>Of interest to:</b>	Providers and centres offering programmes leading to or containing Level 5 Occupational First Aid (5N1207)
<b>Effective from:</b>	1 September 2017
<b>Date:</b>	12 June 2017
<b>Further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.QQI.ie">www.QQI.ie</a>

## Level 5 Occupational First Aid

Providers offering QQI Level Occupational First Aid (OFA) are advised that, from 1 September 2017, the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) will no longer recognise the component (Award Code 5N1207) as meeting the requirements for occupational first aid in all workplaces. This change has arisen from the HSA's decision to recognise the Prehospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) First Aid Response Education and Training standard (FAR). The HSA statement about the transition to FAR can be found [here](#).

## Status of QQI component in OFA

The QQI Level 5 component will remain in place and available for certification until further notice. QQI is establishing a process for reviewing award standards and a decision on retaining or deactivating the Level 5 OFA component will be taken in that context and due notice given to providers. The Level 5 OFA component is named in major awards listed in the table overleaf.

<b>Occupational First Aid 5N1207</b>		
<b>Major Award Code</b>	<b>Major Award Title</b>	<b>Role</b>
5M2009	Early Childhood Care and Education	Elective
5M2083	Hospitality Operations	Elective
5M2110	Security Studies	Elective
5M2181	Applied Social Studies	Elective
5M3782	Health Service Skills	Elective
5M4339	Healthcare Support	Elective
5M4349	Nursing Studies	Elective
5M4732	Youth Work	Elective
5M5011	Tourism with Business	Elective
5M5146	Sports, Recreation and Exercise	Elective
5M5148	Outdoor Sport and Recreation	Elective

### **Impact for Providers and Learners**

Providers with validated programmes leading to the above major awards, or where 5N1207 is used as residual credit, should consider its continued use in their programme in light of the HSA decision. They should also ensure that, under their procedures around information to learners, they advise learners of the HSA decision and its potential impact for them in the workplace. Providers who may be considering submitting a programme for validation for Level 5 Occupational First Aid are advised to consider the suitability of doing so in light of the HSA decision.

If you have particular questions around this matter, please contact QQI through the [Qhelp](#) facility on the QQI website.