

Pool Responder

Ofqual Title: STA Level 2 Award for Pool Responder (QCF)

SQA Title: STA Professional Award for Pool Responder at SCQF Level 7

Aim

The **Pool Responder** qualification aims to train candidates in pool rescue, CPR techniques and first aid competencies in order to deal with poolside emergencies in accordance with the National Occupational Standards and The HSE Publication Managing Health and Safety in Swimming Pools and British Standard BS EN 15288 Part 2, Safety Requirements for Operations.

Pre-requisites

- Be of 16 years of age or older
- Be able to recover an object from the deepest part of the pool

Validity of Award

2 years.

Length of Course

14 Recommended Guided Learning Hours.

Course Information

The **Pool Responder** qualification covers:

- Understanding the Pool Safety Operating Procedures
- Understanding the roles and responsibilities of a pool responder and first aider
- Knowing how to assess an incident
- Knowing how to administer basic life support in a swimming pool environment
- Being able to manage unresponsive casualties who are breathing normally and not normally
- Being able to assist a casualty who is choking
- Understanding basic first aid procedures
- Being able to perform basic rescue skills, and manage a wounded and bleeding casualty
- Knowing how to respond to a pool emergency situation and simulated pool emergencies
- Understanding the differences in dealing with different kinds of casualties
- Understanding recording, reporting and analysing pool emergency and first aid situations

Assessment

The assessment criteria are as follows:

- Complete a portfolio and worksheet questions to the satisfaction of the course tutor
- Complete a 25 question multiple-choice paper with a pass mark of 18/25
- Demonstrate the ability to carry out rescue activities in a safe, effective and prompt manner
- Demonstrate cardiopulmonary resuscitation, its preparatory actions and aftercare

Revalidation

This qualification requires revalidation every 2 years to update knowledge and demonstrate understanding.