



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- DAO offers 71 Qualifications
- 13 Qualifications in development
- DAO has 27 Centres
- Personnel have C17914 DAO certificates
- C19149 registered students
- DAO has a .Gov Website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/defence-awarding->

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Centre Day

I would like to thank all of the Centres that attended the initial Centre day on the 8th March. I personally found the day to be very beneficial. It provided DAO staff with a few good ideas on how we can improve our services to you.

The date of the Level 4 Award qualification development course will be announced shortly.

We will be holding this event annually and we look forward to next year

The structure of the annual event will be to give you an update on:

- DAO progress
- Qualification Information
- Update on Ofqual changes
- Update from the FAB conference
- Update from the Ofqual conference

Documentation

We emailed you last year requesting that you send in the documentation for your DAO qualifications.

This is required to enable us to comply with Ofqual changes. DAO is required to update historical QCF qualifications into the RQF framework.

Please be aware that if you do not send over the requested documentation the accreditation of your qualification cease in Dec 17 as it will not be compliant with Ofqual's "Condition of Recognition".

The following is what we requested.

- Formal Training Statement
- Timetable
- Operational performance Statement

We may also request the Learning specification and assessment specification.

Ofqual

Ofqual held their second annual conference on Tuesday 28th February. DAO attended and the event was well attended by other awarding organisations with lots of interaction taking place between awarding organisations.

If you would like to look at the conference content, the link to the key speeches and slides from seminar sessions is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-conference-2017-presentations-from-the-day>

DAO Database

The database has been developed to include course 'From and To' dates.

This is mainly for the First Aid at Work course.

We will be making improvements to the database over the next few months we will update you as we go along.

If you do have any issues with the database please let us know.



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Qualifications

Our portfolio of qualifications has grown. If you wish to see what we are offering please go to our .Gov website and go to the handbook link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/defence-awarding-organisation>

Qualification Design

DAO has a pool of external developers. If you would like to have a qualification developed quickly please get in touch. There will be a charge for this service .

Nif, Naf & Trivia

We have a new member of the team Carol Lacey who has replaced Mark Hume.

We are currently recruiting the Business Co-ord post as soon as we know who the new incumbent is we will let you know.

SFA Publications

The Skills Funding Agency (SFA) has published the following publication regarding funding for Apprenticeships from May 17 which could be of interest to you.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-standards-ready-for-delivery>

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First Aid Changes

AED

HSE advised all training providers to introduce training and assessment in AEDs into first aid courses by the end of 2016. The HSE does not expect every first aider to have an in-depth knowledge of AEDs, but Learners will need to cover the correct placement of AED pads and follow AED instructions.

From **December 2016**, all Centres will be required to deliver and assess the use of AEDs as part of first aid courses.

Please also note that the HSE and the First Aid Awarding Organisations Forum have clarified that **1 AED trainer will be required per manikin (minimum of 1 per 4 Learners)** in order to ensure that Learners have sufficient hands-on practice.

Tourniquets and Hemostatic Dressings

Following their introduction into the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) first aid guidelines, the HSE have now fully confirmed that hemostatic dressings and tourniquets can be included in workplace first aid training.

The HSE advises that when carrying out a first aid needs assessment, employers who identify a specific risk of life-threatening bleeding (e.g. those working in arboriculture, construction, glass work, agriculture or those who use dangerous machinery) should consider providing tourniquets and hemostatic dressings and ensure that their workplace first aiders are trained in their use.

The current qualification has been extended to the 30th of September. The First Aid Forum are updating the units within the qualification currently and it is expected that these will be live on the portal in October.

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