

# First Aid Instructors Course by Distance Learning.



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# Why Distance Learning?

It has been traditional over the years to offer the FAW Instructors course via the conventional 4 Day route. This is normally the easiest way to obtain the Instructors qualification.

P.F.E. in its search to continually improve its courses, felt that the course could still be improved further.

To this end therefore and in order to extract the course from a “clinical” or “un-real” setting P.F.E. decided to make the course part of the “real world” environment.

P.F.E. had already worked with the HSE on its Distance Learning project for FAW courses and saw how Distance Learning had far greater benefits to students wishing to become First Aiders rather than those offered by the more conventional “classroom controlled” courses.

So the benefits of that experience were cascaded into the new Instructors Course and an alternative route of Distance Learning was offered as a choice to candidates.

# Comparison of Costs

It might be anticipated that delivery of the course by Distance Learning might be a more expensive route to follow. This is in fact NOT the case.

## PRICES:

The cost of our conventional 4 Day Instructors Course is £850.00 plus VAT.

However the cost of our Instructors Course by Distance Learning is only £650.00 plus VAT

The course is cheaper because much of the ownership of the course rests with the student themselves. They travel their own specific learning curve at a rate and pace of their choosing as they move towards achieving Competency.

All course fees are paid at time of enrollment.

# Length of Course

There is no specific course duration time, this is because candidates need to access courses as and when they are available and in accordance with their own availability.

Some candidates may be able to complete their course within a few weeks, others may take much longer and a main reason for this may be down to course availability from the course provider and of course availability of the student to be able to attend.

As an example in the Huddersfield area where P.F.E. is based it may be possible for a student to complete the course within 2 months, whereas a student in Scotland or London may have to wait until a course becomes available that they can attend.

Once the course starts we recommend that students DONT allow a period of more than 12 weeks to pass between visits, it is important to maintain the momentum of the course. Also, if it takes a student more than 12 months to complete the course because they have not attended courses that were available we recommend that the student starts again.

There are no refunds for courses that are not completed once a student has registered to undertake a course.

It may be necessary in order to meet deadlines for students to travel to a course that may not be in their immediate geographical area. We ask students to consider this when making a decision to enrol on the Instructors Course by Distance Learning.

# Method of Delivery

Candidates have to travel to PFE courses in order to collect evidence to become a First Aid at Work Instructor.

P.F.E. will make available all course dates that we are organising so that candidates can make choices of which courses they would like to travel to.

Each candidate needs to make a total of 5 visits to 5 different courses in order to collect relevant information or administer specific teaching.

Notes on the Instructors Course by Distance Learning are sent out to students wishing to enrol so that they can see exactly what is required of them on each visit.

VISIT 1 - Is an observational visit of the physical environment.

VISIT 2 - Is an observational visit of a tutor teaching a specific aspect of the FAW syllabus - at least 2hrs required. Depending on circumstances this visit can be incorporated with VISIT 1.

VISIT 3 - Is a 2hr delivery of a teaching session.

VISIT 4 - Is a 4hr delivery of a teaching session

VISIT 5 - Is an observational visit of the assessment procedure following the end of an FAW course.

Please note the above VISIT structure is a simplified format of what is required of the student.

# Conclusion

Once all documentation has been collated and assessed by P.F.E. the candidate will be awarded the FAW Instructors Certificate.

This certificate is renewable annually by creating a log of all teaching/assessing that is undertaken on any FAW courses or on any courses related to FAW. This log is then sent to P.F.E. and the candidates details are displayed on the P.F.E. website and new certificates issued.

Providing that a candidate keeps up with their training practice there is no need to undertake the course again.