

**Amended Sections of the
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation,
Part 33: Occupational First Aid**

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This document shows the final wording of sections that are amended by
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PART 33

Definitions	33.1	In this Part
<i>"certificate"</i>		means, as described in Schedule 6, a Level 1, 2 or 3 first aid certificate recognized by the board;
<i>"certificate endorsement"</i>		means an endorsement, recognized by the board, to the holder of a first aid certificate;

Health care facilities	33.15	(1) A health care facility with an emergency resuscitation area may designate that area as the workplace first aid facility, provided that <ol style="list-style-type: none">immediate access is available to workers during working hours,written procedures are developed for moving a worker requiring stretcher transport to the designated treatment area,the transport equipment required by the procedures is provided, anda first aid kit, appropriate for the level of attendant required, is available to be taken to the scene of an injury.
		(2) On written request, a Level 2 certificate will be issued to a physician or registered nurse who has <ol style="list-style-type: none">at least 6 months experience in an emergency department, orsuccessfully completed a recognized course of training in emergency procedures.
		(3) The experience or training required in subsection (2) must have been completed not more than 24 months before the request for certification.
		(4) Certification granted under subsection (2) is restricted for use in health care facilities and is not transferable to other industries.

Municipal fire departments	33.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) If there are 5 or more firefighters at a workplace, at least one must hold a Level 1 certificate. (2) If there are 20 or more firefighters at a workplace, at least one must hold a Level 3 certificate. (3) If 25% or more of the firefighters at a workplace have a valid Emergency Medical Assistant First Responder (EMA FR) Level III licence issued under the <i>Health Emergency Act</i>, the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) do not apply. (4) On written request, a Level 1 or 2 certificate will be issued to a firefighter who holds an EMA FR Licence as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) EMA FR Level II Licence = Board Level 1 Certificate; (b) EMA FR Level III Licence = Board Level 2 Certificate. (5) Certification issued under subsection (4) is restricted to the fire service industry and is not transferable to other industries. (6) A firefighting crew dispatched on an emergency call must have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a Level 1 kit specified in Schedule 2, (b) portable oxygen therapy equipment, (c) a bag-valve mask and airway kit, and (d) two sterile burn sheets in sealed plastic containers.
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Levels of certification	33.38	Levels of certification and certificate endorsements for an attendant are specified in Schedule 6.
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Certification process	33.39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To qualify for a Level 1 certificate a candidate must successfully complete a Level 1 training course or its equivalent as taught and evaluated by a person authorized by the board. (2) To qualify for an initial Level 2 or 3 certificate, a candidate must successfully complete a Level 2 or 3 training course or its equivalent, and achieve a grade of at least 70% on each of the written, oral and practical portions of an examination conducted by a person authorized by the board. (3) To qualify for a certificate endorsement the candidate must hold a valid Level 1 or 2 certificate and must successfully complete a board-developed training course or its equivalent.
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Schedule 6: Explanation of Certification Levels and Training Programs

Occupational First Aid Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Certificate Endorsement training courses mean those first aid training courses that are developed by the board.

Level 1 First Aid Certificate

Level 1 certification requires successful completion of an Occupational First Aid Level 1 training course. Renewal of Level 1 certification requires successful completion of the full course. Restricted Level 1 certificates are permitted in some circumstances for municipal fire departments. (See section 33.16).

Level 2 First Aid Certificate

Level 2 certification requires completion of the examination process specified in this Part, unless the person qualifies for a restricted Level 2 certification based on training and/or experience as provided in this Part. Restricted Level 2 certificates are permitted in some circumstances for health care facilities and municipal fire departments. (See sections 33.15 and 33.16). Normally a candidate for Level 2 certification will complete a 36 hour Occupational First Aid Level 2 training course before taking the examination. For recertification, a 24 hour renewal course is available to prepare a candidate for a renewal examination.

Level 3 First Aid Certificate

Level 3 certification requires completion of the examination process specified by this Part. Normally the candidate for Level 3 certification will complete a 70 hour Occupational First Aid Level 3 training course before taking the examination. For recertification, a 40 hour renewal course is available, which includes the renewal examination.

Transportation Endorsement

A transportation endorsement for a first aid certificate requires the certificate holder to successfully complete an 8 hour Occupational First Aid Certificate Endorsement training course. Such a program gives Level 1 first aid certificate holders training to put an injured worker on a spine board and in a basket stretcher to allow the injured worker to be moved. The transportation endorsement expires with the Level 1 first aid certificate.

To obtain a transportation endorsement on the renewal of a Level 1 certificate, the certificate holder must successfully complete the full 8 hour Occupational First Aid Certificate Endorsement training course.

Other training courses, providing they meet specific standards set by the board and are approved by the board, may qualify candidates for a Level 1, 2 or 3 certificate or a certificate endorsement. Qualifications and certification of the instructor are the same as described in section 33.48. These other courses, however, cannot be titled Occupational First Aid Level 1, Occupational First Aid Level 2, Occupational First Aid Level 3 or Occupational First Aid Endorsement.