

Agency Bulletin

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A point of clarification regarding out-of-jurisdiction certification

A person who is less than 19 years of age may be able to obtain Advanced First Aid certification from another province.

If this person applies for an out-of-jurisdiction Level 3 certificate in BC, they can be issued an OFA Level 3 certificate with “out-of-jurisdiction” as well as “age restriction” written on the certificate.

This will require checking the person’s age when the person’s identification is checked as part of the out-of-jurisdiction issuing process.

When the person turns 19, they may apply to a Level 3 Training Agency for an out-of-jurisdiction Level 3 certificate without the age restriction for the remainder of the duration of the certificate.

This corresponds with the process for someone under 19 who takes an OFA Level 3 course and examination in BC.

Section 2.1 of the WCB Standard OFA1: Certification of Occupational First Aid Attendants states:

2.1 Age

To qualify for a Level 1, 2, or 3 certificate, a person must be at least 16 years old.

A person 16 years or older and under 19 years may obtain a Level 2 or 3 certificate in the same way as a person 19 years or older. However, until the holder reaches the age of 19, the Board does not recognize that certificate as qualifying the person to act as a designated attendant in the workplace. That person may provide first aid while under the supervision of the designated attendant at the workplace.