

4234 Dental Nursing Update June 2013

Substitution of the Emergency First Aid Skills unit 4234-303

The AO that owns the Emergency First Aid Skills unit ([Y/600/1250](#)) is withdrawing it on 30 June 2013. Therefore another unit is replacing it, First Aid Essentials ([D/504/6101](#)). The original unit will only be available to candidates that register before it expires. That includes all candidates already registered that have not started this unit, and those that have completed it but not yet claimed a certificate for it. This change will mainly affect candidates registering from 1 July 2013 onwards, who must instead complete the new unit. The two units are substantially similar, but not identical. Please see page 2 for a full list of City & Guilds qualifications containing this unit.

Revision of the qualifications

New dental nursing qualifications will be launched when the current qualifications expire on 31 December 2013. They will be consistent with the new General Dental Council standards. We will share the units and structure with our customers after we have them accredited in the autumn.

New qualification in Dental Decontamination

City & Guilds are developing a bespoke qualification in Dental Decontamination. This is targeted to go live in September 2013. The qualification has been modified to take into account the new GDC standards and the increased attention around the Health Technical Memorandum 01-05 legislation. The units will be shared when they become available, ahead of the qualification launch.

Online dental nursing test

We have had various questions in relation to the online test. There is a sample test online. The reason it's only 20 items when the full test is much larger is because we want the usable item banks to be as large as possible. This helps retain quality by making it more difficult for anyone to simply teach to the test, rather than the full syllabus. The items are randomised for the same reason. However with enough feedback, we may decide to offer fixed form tests. Please note other dental staff should not be taking these tests. Exceptions can only be made for centre staff or registered invigilators if they write to the Regulatory Policy & Audit Department at City & Guilds to obtain permission beforehand. If a member of staff who is part of the assessment and internal quality assurance team at the centre is registered for an N/SVQ/VQ/Framework qualification, centres must inform their City & Guilds Qualification Consultant.

The City & Guilds dental nurse assessment team acknowledged and recognised the changes to the HTM01-05 standards that were implemented in May 2013. The dental nurse examination question bank has now been reviewed and revised as appropriate in line with the new standards. We have withdrawn a couple items that have been rightly identified as being ambiguous or not in line with the new standards. The remaining items are all undergoing a review, but they have been extensively tested so should now only need to be updated when practice changes.

Finally, once a candidate has completed the test, there is a sectional breakdown indicating areas where they are strong or weak.

Events

If you wish to learn more, to give feedback, or to network with others who are offering these qualifications, please sign up to one of the dental nursing network events. For more information and in order to book, click on the links below.

[Wakefield Event](#): 08 July
[Taunton Event](#): 24 July

[Lichfield Event](#): 19 July
[London Event](#): 31 July

This is the full list of the City & Guilds qualifications containing the Emergency First Aid Skills unit that expires on 31 June 2013:

Qualification Title	C&G Qualification Number	QAN
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support	4223-01	501/2282/4
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Healthcare Support Services	4223-02	501/2124/8
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support	4223-11	501/2236/8
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support Services	4223-12	501/2235/6
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Pathology Support	4223-13	501/2234/4
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Allied Health Profession Support	4223-14	501/1785/3
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Maternity and Paediatric Support	4223-15	501/2253/8
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma In Dental Nursing	4234-13	600/0168/9
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland	4222-22	501/1260/0
City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England	4222-21	501/1306/9
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for Wales and Northern Ireland	4222-31	501/1200/4
City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Adults) for England	4222-31	501/1194/2

For those 4222 Health and Social Care diplomas, the unit is being withdrawn and not replaced with the new unit.