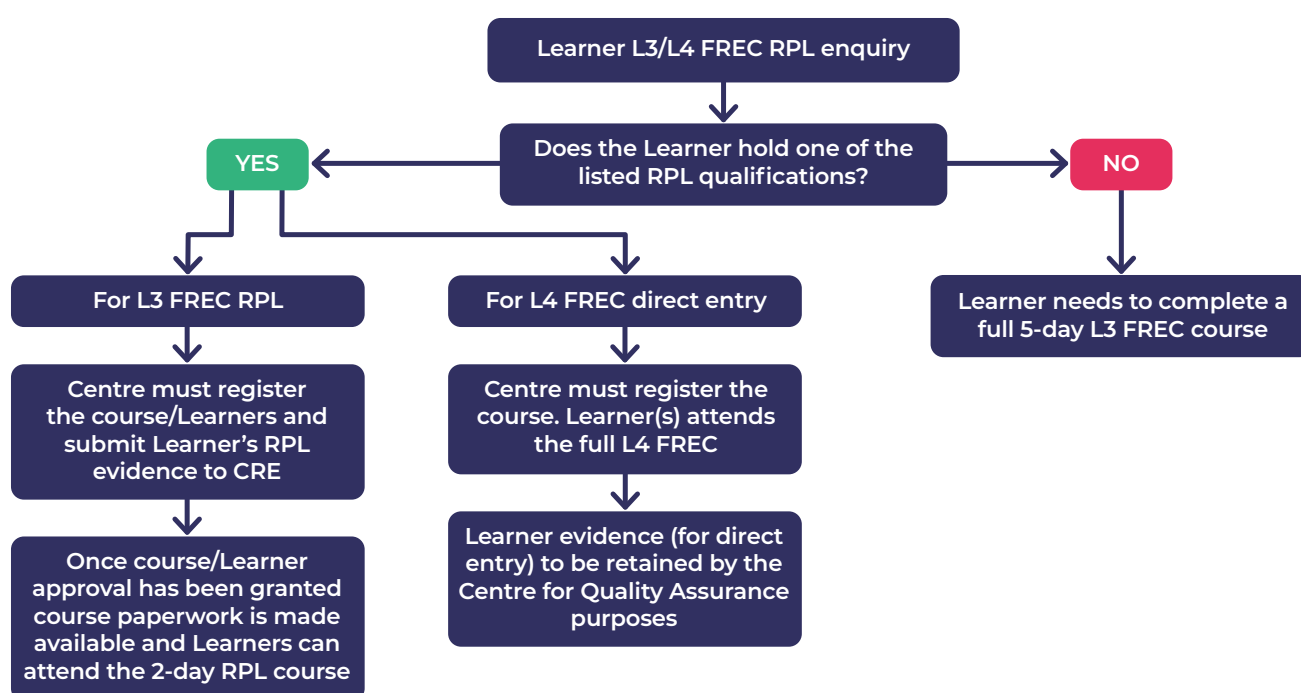


Centre Checklist

As we receive many requests from FREC® Learners, either seeking to attend a shortened FREC®3 course or claiming direct entry onto FREC®4 due to their prior learning, we have carried out comprehensive mapping against both regulated qualifications and unregulated courses (for emergency services first responders). This guidance provides clarification on the:

1. regulated qualifications we accept so that Learners can attend a 2-day FREC®3 RPL course, which covers the knowledge and skills not contained within that qualification.*
2. unregulated casualty care/first responder courses we accept so that Learners can attend a 2-day FREC®3 RPL course*
3. regulated qualifications and roles/courses we recognise as FREC®3 equivalents that allows direct entry onto FREC®4

***Important note:** All Learners must have completed their course/qualification within 24 months of the FREC®3 course start date and are still required to complete all FREC®3 assessments.



Recognised Pre Hospital Care (PHC) regulated qualifications for Level 3 RPL route

- Highfield Level 3 Award in Emergency Care for First Responders (RQF) (603/6892/5)
- Highfield Level 3 Award in First Aid Response (RQF) (603/2747/9)
- SFJ Awards Level 3 Award in First Person on Scene Support (RQF) (603/3964/0)
- SFJ Awards Level 3 Award in Casualty Care for Fire and Rescue Services (603/1435/7)
- ITC Level 3 Award in First Aid for Firefighters (603/2884/8)
- TQUK Level 3 Award for Initial Person on the Scene of an Incident (RQF) (603/5085/4)
- DAO Level 3 Award in Immediate Emergency Care Provider (603/3571/3)
- QNUK Level 3 Award for First Responders (RQF) (603/3961/5)
- QNUK Level 3 Award in First Person on Scene (International) (RQF) (603/6688/6)
- QNUK Level 3 Award in Rescue Trauma and Casualty Care (RTACC) (RQF) (603/6687/4)
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate for First Person on Scene (FPOS) (603/6353/8)
- Safecert Level 3 Award for First Person on Scene for an Emergency First Responder (610/0810/2)
- FutureQuals Level 3 Award for First Responders on Scene: Amb. Ser. Community Responder (603/6252/2)
- FutureQuals Level 3 Award in First Responders on Scene: Emergency First Responders (603/6795/7)
- FutureQuals Level 3 Award in Immediate Emergency Care: Fire and Rescue Services (603/7366/0)
- MPQC Level 3 Award in Advanced First Aid for Remote and Mining Environments (603/2433/8)

‘999’ internal casualty care/first responder courses

- HMCG Coastguard Emergency Responder Casualty Care
- RNLI Casualty Care (Lifeboat Crew and Lifeguards)
- Mountain Rescue Team – Remote Rescue Medical Technician
- NHS Ambulance Service Community First Responder (CFR)
- Police Enhanced First Aid Skills
- Lowland Rescue Casualty Care
- Cave Rescue Casualty Care
- Mines Rescue Casualty Care
- UK Armed Forces – Joint Team Medic certificate
- EURIECA® Advanced First Aid (RCS Ed FPHC endorsed)
- Immediate Emergency Care – Advanced (RCS Ed FPHC endorsed)

It is the centres responsibility to conduct the initial mapping, once they have fully completed this document with appropriate evidence, it will then be reviewed by Qualsafe. For Centres claiming RPL on behalf of Individuals wanting courses and/or qualifications recognised that do not appear in this document, Qualsafe Awards charge a fee of £20 +VAT per hour to review (reviews are likely to take a minimum of 3 hours).

Recognised Pre Hospital Care (PHC) regulated qualifications for direct entry to Level 4 FREC

- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Certificate for First Person on Scene (FPOS) (603/0513/7)
- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Extended Certificate for First Person on Scene (FPOS) (603/0512/5)
- Qualsafe/FutureQuals Level 3 Diploma in Ambulance Emergency and Urgent Care Support (RQF)
- Qualsafe/FutureQuals Level 3 Certificate in Ambulance Patient Care: Urgent Care Services (RQF)

Approved role/course recognition for direct entry to Level 4 FREC

- Emergency Care Assistant/Ambulance Support Worker (Emergency) with 12 months operational frontline experience currently employed by an Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Army – Combat Medical Technician – Class 1, Royal Air Force Medic, Royal Navy or Royal Marine – Medical Assistant (must be currently serving or has left the military medic role within the last 24 months)
- HSE Offshore Medic who has previously been a Combat Medical Technician – Class 1, Royal Air Force Medic, Royal Navy or Royal Marine – Medical Assistant
- St John Ambulance – Emergency Ambulance Crew (**must** be current and have evidence of CPD)

Important note: NMC Registered Nurses with CPD activity covering the content of FREC®3 wanting direct entry to FREC®4 are required to undertake FREC®3 assessments (as a minimum) prior to registering on a FREC®4 course.

Student Paramedics who have completed Year 1 successfully are able to attend a FREC®3 2-day RPL course. Student Paramedics who have completed Year 1 and 2 are able to directly enter FREC®4. Learners must evidence their achievement by supplying Centres with a written confirmation from an HCPC approved education provider.

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