Program Standards for Equivalency

In order for a training organization to be recognized by the WSIB, the organization must have a program that is deemed to be equivalent to the St. John Ambulance program. Equivalency will be determined by the WSIB based on the program design, content and learning objectives (contact Prevention Standards & Incentives Branch, JHSC Certification & First Aid at 1-800-663-6639 for details). The following points set out the mandatory program elements including compulsory modules, practical skill experience and time requirements.

Emergency First Aid (Section 8 of Reg. 1101)

INSTRUCTION TIME: This program is normally provided in one day classroom training with a minimum instruction time of 6.5 hours, including testing (written and practical) of learners. Lunch and break times are separate and not included in instruction time.

compulsory modules: The following topics must be covered: Roles & Responsibilities of the First Aider, Casualty management – Unresponsive, Casualty Management Conscious with Head/Spinal, Adult Resuscitation – Choking, CPR and AED, Severe Bleeding and Wound Care, Medical Conditions and Burns.

RENEWAL CERTIFICATE: There is no Emergency First Aid Renewal course allowed. Complete Emergency Certificate training must be taken upon expiry of the certificate.

Standard First Aid Certificate (Section 9, 10 and 11 of Reg. 1101)

INSTRUCTION TIME: This program is normally provided in two days of classroom training with a minimum instruction time of 13 hours, including testing (written and practical) of learners. Lunch and break times are separate and not included in instruction time.

compulsory modules: The following topics must be covered: Roles & Responsibilities of the First Aider, Casualty management – Unresponsive, Casualty Management Conscious with Head/Spinal, Adult Resuscitation – Choking, CPR and AED, Severe Bleeding and Wound Care, Medical Conditions and Burns.

ELECTIVE MODULES: In addition to the compulsory modules, a minimum of 8 elective modules are required and suggested modules include:

- Secondary Survey
- Child and Infant Resuscitation
- Two Rescuer CPR
- Bone and Joint Injuries
- Chest Injuries
- Eye Injuries
- Multiple Casualty Management
- Poisoning
- Environmental Illness and Injuries
- Rescue Carries