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From	Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP)
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All Healthcare Practitioners in the state of Qatar (Governmental & Private Sectors)All Healthcare Facilities focal points in the state of Qatar (Governmental & Private Sectors)
Subject	Updates on “required CPR courses for licensing and renewal purposes” policy in the Healthcare sector of the State of Qatar
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“The Registration Department in Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners presents to you its compliments”

In the QCHP’s pursuit to develop the Healthcare sector, and in order to ensure that all the healthcare practitioners are fit to practice, in addition to, assure the patient safety and the quality of service provided in the State of Qatar; the policy of “required CPR courses for licensing and renewal purposes” has been updated then approved by the PLC in its 22nd meeting held on 14/12/2016.

Accordingly, all healthcare practitioners and focal points from all Healthcare facilities in the State of Qatar shall review the updated policy (attached) and provide the Registration Department with the completion certificates for the required courses indicated in the attachment - each practitioner as per their respective specialty -which is a core requirement for licensing and renewal purposes in the Healthcare sector of the State of Qatar.

Notes:-

- This policy shall repeal the previous policy which has been issued in circular number (15/2014) dated 05/11/2014.
- The updated policy shall be put into effect as of the circular date.
- In regards with the renewal requests which are under process with the QCHP before the circular date, the CPR courses will be accepted as per the pervious circular in case there is difference in the courses from the updated policy.

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Thank you for your cooperation,

Registration Department/ Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioner



The Mandatory Life Support Courses Policy

- This policy provides the required minimum life support courses for the purposes of license to practice.
- Any additional required courses for the purpose of privilege and accreditation is the responsibility of the employing service provider/Organization. These courses can only be additional to the minimum requirements set out in this policy.
- Hamad International Training Centre (HITC) courses are used as benchmark. The equivalence rules will apply to any variation from HITC courses (see table 7 for equivalence)
- Staff who complete appropriate higher level course are not required to do the lower level one, e.g. ALS versus ILS.
- Training on the use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) should be included in any BLS or CPR training for staff working within healthcare setting.
- For Glossary of life support courses and relevant professional bodies. See tables 1-6.

Mandatory courses for healthcare professions

Table 1: Medical Practitioners

All medical practitioners irrespective of their specialties or facilities must be as a minimum up to date in Immediate Life Support (ILS) or equivalent for practitioners dealing with adult patients or Paediatric Immediate Life Support (EPILS) or equivalent for practitioners dealing with paediatric patients. Additional courses will be required according to specialty and scope of practice (except for Neonatologists who will only require NRP or equivalent).

See below

Physicians	Required Training	Important Notes
General Scope Physicians	ILS & PLS (or EPILS)	
Family Medicine Specialists	ILS & PLS (or EPILS)	BLSO for family physicians involved in the management of pregnant patients. ALS instead of ILS if working in Urgent care Centre
Emergency Medicine Specialist	ALS & PLS (or EPILS) & ATLS	Working in predominantly adult emergency department or urgent care centre
Paediatric Emergency Specialist	APLS (or EPLS) & ATLS (if involved in managing trauma cases)	Working in paediatric emergency department or urgent care.
Critical Care Medicine Specialists	ALS	
Pediatric Intensive Care Specialists	APLS (or EPLS)	



Neonatal – Prenatal medicine Specialists	NRP-A	
Anesthesiology	<p>Varies according to scope of practice and subspecialty (patient population):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adult only but not involved in trauma code or obstetric cases on routine basis: ALS- Paediatric only but not involved in trauma code or obstetric cases on routine basis: APLS (or EPLS)- Manages adult and paediatric case mix on routine basis : ALS and APLS (or EPLS)- Obstetric and Gyn cases only: ALS, BLSO and NRP-A- If involved in trauma code on routine basis (any of above): additionally ATLS	
Any Medical Practitioners likely to be in involved in Trauma Code team	Additionally: ATLS	As determined by individual organization/service provider
Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialists	<p>Varies according to scope of practice and subspecialty (patient population):</p> <p>Obstetrician only: ALSO, ILS & NRP-B</p> <p>Gyn only: ILS</p> <p>Obs & Gyn: ALSO, ILS & NRP-B</p>	
Specialists in Internal Medicine & its subspecialty	ILS	



Cardiologist:	Varies according to scope of practice and subspecialty (patient population): - ALS for adult cardiology - APLS (or EPLS) for Paediatric cardiologist - APLS (or EPLS) and ALS if deals with adult and pediatric patients.	
Physicians under Training Program	- ILS for adult patient specialty - PLS (or EPILS for Pediatric specialty)	
General Scope Physician limited to any Specialty	General physician providing service in specific specialty: as per the required trainings of this specialty	
All Pediatric Specialists not elsewhere classified	PLS (or EPILS)	
Physicians not elsewhere classified	ILS	

Table 2: Dentists	Required Training	Important Notes
General Scope Dentist – All Dental Specialists	ILS & PLS (or EPILS)	
Pediatric only Dentistry Specialist	PLS (or EPILS)	

Table 3: Nursing		
All nurse practitioners irrespective of their specialties or facilities must be at minimum up to date in Immediate Life Support (ILS) or equivalent for practitioners dealing with adult patients or Paediatric Immediate Life Support (EPILS) or equivalent for practitioners dealing with paediatric patients. Additional courses will be required according to specialty and scope of practice (except for Neonatology nurses who will only require NRP or equivalent). See below		
Nurse	Required Training	Important Notes
Nurses in (Emergency)	ILS & PLS (or EPILS) & ATCN	In case the Nurse practices with specific type of patients/ cases, he/ she is required to attach only relevant courses not all the mentioned.
Obstetrics Nurses - Labor Wards	ILS & ALSO & NRP-B	
Obstetrics Nurses - not covering labor wards	ILS & BLSO & NRP-B	
Nurses not elsewhere classified - Adults	ILS	



Nurses not elsewhere classified - Pediatrics	PLS (or EPILS)	
Nurses not elsewhere classified - Neonates	NRP-B	

Table 4: Midwifery Professionals

All Midwives	ILS & ALSO & NRP-B	
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Table 5: Allied Healthcare professionals and others

Allied Healthcare	Required Training	Important Notes
Basic Emergency technician / Patient transport technician	BLS & AED	
Paramedics	ILS & PLS (or EPILS) & ITLS For HMC Paramedics: PLS (or EPILS) & completion of relevant adult pre-hospital resuscitation and trauma modules in HMCAS program.	
Critical Care Paramedics (CCP)	ALS & APLS & ITLS For HMC CCP: APLS or EPLS) & completion of relevant adult pre-hospital resuscitation and trauma modules in HMCAS program.	
Pharmacists	BLS & AED	
Clinical Pharmacists (Adult and/or Pediatrics)	ILS and/or PLS (or EPILS)	
Advanced Respiratory Therapists (Adult and/or Pediatrics)	ILS and/or PLS (or EPILS)	
Operating Theatre Technicians - Adults	ILS	
Operating Theatre Technicians - Pediatrics	PLS (or EPILS)	
Allied Health Professionals not elsewhere specified	BLS & AED	

Table 6: Traditional and Complementary Medicine Practitioners

ALL	BLS & AED	
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Table 7: Equivalence Rules to course provided by HITC

HITC Courses	Equivalent Courses
ERC ALS	RCUK ALS, Australasian ALS, AHA ACLS.
ERC ILS	RCUK ILS, Australasian ILS, AHA ACLS (note: AHA does not provide an intermediate level, hence QCHP will consider ACLS as equivalent).
ERC BLS&AED	RCUK, AHA, Australasian BLS/AED courses.
UK APLS, ERC EPLS	Australasian APLS, AHA PALS
ERC EPILS, UK PLS	Australasian PLS, AHA PALS ((note: AHA does not provide an intermediate level, hence QCHP will consider PALS as equivalent)
NRP (A&B)	UK NLS, ENLS and Australasian Neonatal courses
ATLS	European Trauma course ETC.
ATCN	TNCC
ALSO / BLSO	No equivalences
ITLS	No equivalences

Table 8: Glossary of life support courses and relevant professional bodies

ERC	European Resuscitation Council
AHA	American Heart Association
ALSG	Advanced life support group UK
RCUK	Resuscitation Council UK
Australasia RC	Resuscitation Council of Australia and New Zealand
BLS & AED	Basic Life Support and AED
ILS	Immediate Life Support (by ERC, RCUK)
ALS	Advanced Life Support (by ERC, RCUK and Australasia RC)
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (by AHA)
EPILS	European Paediatric Immediate Life Support (by ERC)
PLS	Paediatric Life Support (by ALSG)
EPLS	European Paediatric Life Support (advanced by ERC)
APLS	Advanced Paediatric Life Support (by ALSG)
PALS	Paediatric Advanced Life Support (by AHA)



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ALSO	Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics
BLSO	Basic Life Support in Obstetrics
NRP-A	Neonatal Resuscitation Program-Advanced (by American Academy of Pediatrics)
NRP-B	Neonatal Resuscitation Program-Basic (by American Academy of Pediatrics)
NLS	Newborn Life Support (RCUK/ERC)
ATLS	Advanced Trauma Life Support (American College of Surgeons)
ETC	European Trauma Course (by ERC)
ATCN	Advanced Trauma care for Nurses (by Society of Trauma Nurses)
TNCC	Trauma Nursing Core Course (by Emergency Nurses Association)
ITLS	International Trauma Life Support (by ITLS – USA)

Important Notes:

- In case the healthcare practitioner practices in a specific area, which requires additional courses, he/she should submit an official letter from the employing organization confirming the practitioner's scope of practice.
- Life Support courses must be classroom based teaching either in full or in part. However, courses that have electronic components must be approved by QCHP.
- For the recognized course providers please refer to the circular No (08 /2016)
- Each organization should specify which specific training courses their staff would require. For example, to ensure minimal risk to patients and to avoid variations in staff practice, training courses should be consistent across the organization. For example, an organization should avoid mixing two high level courses, such as ALS and ACLS when mandating training for their staff.
- Any other courses presented for equivalence will be considered as per table 7 and must be approved by QCHP.