



**Scottish  
Ambulance  
Service**

University National NHS Board



# Freedom of Information Request

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## Question

We would be grateful if you could please provide us with copies of all training materials for emergency response drivers, including but not limited to any emergency ambulance response handbook for ambulance drivers or other documents showing the guidance for ambulance drivers when responding to an emergency as at September 2021 and today's date (October 2024).

## Answer

Disclosure of all training materials under FOISA is full disclosure, to the world at large. It cannot be restricted to a particular group or purpose. It is for this reason that we have applied section 30(c) of FOISA in that disclosing any and all training material for the emergency response drivers would otherwise prejudice substantially, or be likely to prejudice substantially, the effective conduct of public affairs.

The Scottish Ambulance Service adheres to The Road Traffic (Training Courses for Driving Vehicles at High Speed) Regulations 2023, which governs all ambulance driver training and monitoring of drivers of ambulances throughout the UK.

The Certificate in Emergency Response Driving (CERAD) course that SAS currently delivers is compliant with the 2023 legislation. Please see the separate sheets attached detailing the qualification specification of the CERAD course; these include all the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria. The students meet these Learning Outcome's through theory and practical assessments, direct observations, professional discussions and written answers in a learner workbook. The awarding body (FutureQuals) have ensured that the learning outcomes and assessment criteria that all learners must meet to pass the qualification will satisfy what the DfT have set out in the Road Traffic Act 2023.

There are 3 different pathways for the CERAD qualification. C1 ambulance, B category ambulance and B category car (response vehicle). The staff member must undertake training within the vehicle that they are going to be driving. Some staff may be required to complete two courses as they may work on a C1 and B category car, we monitor this using an internal database. Each staff member is added once they complete their CERAD course and a countdown begins. They will be reassessed every 5 years, as per legislation. Any staff member that has period of sickness lasting more than 6 months will automatically undertake a driving assessment on their return to practice.

The learning outcomes and assessment criteria was the same in 2021.