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31 March 2023

Dear Basic Course\* Training Centres,

### Updates for all Accredited Basic Course\* Training Centres (TCs)

#### Implementation of Additional Practical Training Ratio (New)

1. The default practical training ratio for manikin related hands-on (ie. CPR with AED, unconscious choking) in Basic courses remains **1 Instructor and 1 manikin with up-to 4 learners (1:1:4)**. Practical training ratio for non-manikin related hands-on (ie. bandaging, conscious choking relief, Metered Dose Inhaler with mask, Adrenaline Auto-Injector, improvised tourniquet) remains **1 Instructor with up-to 8 practising learners (1:8)**.
2. However, SRFAC will allow Basic course\* Training Centres and Instructor Training Centres to cater **1 Instructor and 2 manikins with up-to 6 learners (1:2:6)** for manikin-related hands-on (ie. CPR with AED, unconscious choking relief) **if there are sufficient manikins to support; AND, Instructors are experienced and capable.**

*\*Basic Cardiac Life Support with Automated External Defibrillator (BCLS+AED) course, Hands-Only Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation with Automated External Defibrillator (CPR“Hands-Only”+AED) course, Standard First Aid (SFA) course and Child First Aid (CFA) course are considered Basic courses.*

#### Requirement of BCLS+AED Provider Certificate for Advanced\* Courses (NEW)

3. From **1 May 2023**, a valid BCLS+AED Provider certificate is required for the following:
  - a. Enrolment of advanced provider courses (full or refresher).
  - b. Enrolment of advanced instructor courses.
  - c. Renewal of advanced course faculty status (Instructor, Chief Instructor, Instructor-Trainer, Chief Instructor-Trainer and Auditors).

*\*Advanced courses refer to SRFAC accredited life support courses such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course, Life Support Course for Nurses (LSCN), Pre-hospital Paediatric Life Support (PPLS) course, Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) course and Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (NRP).*

4. In the event an individual is exempted from the practical component/assessment of the BCLS+AED provider course due to age-limit/exclusion (as stated by the respective healthcare institution) or medical



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conditions, the individual should undergo the BCLS+AED theory component and pass the theory assessment conducted under exam conditions in-lieu of the complete BCLS+AED Provider certificate. Accredited BCLS+AED Training Centres may issue a “Theory-Only” certificate for the above situation. For audit purposes, Training Centres will be required to verify and document the proof of such exemption cases for “Theory-Only” certificates.

### Collation of Trained/Certified Learners for Year 2022 (NEW)

- To better understand how many trained/certified learners that passed through our accredited Training Centres, SRFAC is seeking the following information (see table below) **for the calendar year 2022** (from 1 January 2022 till 31 December 2022).

Course Type	Full (# of learners)	Recert (# of learners)	Remarks
CPR(Hands-Only)+AED			
BCLS+AED			
Standard First Aid			
Child First Aid			

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### Increase in Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 1 January 2023 (REMINDER)

- In line with the government’s plan to increase the Goods and Services Tax (GST), SRFAC will be implementing the increase in GST for course accreditation audit fees to **8% from 1 January 2023** (S\$500 + S\$40 = S\$540) and, subsequently, to **9% from 1 January 2024** (S\$500 + S\$45 = S\$545). However, the before-mentioned will not affect Institutions/Training Centres under SingHealth due to Group GST Registration.

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