

Courses and course material for use outside the UK Position Statement

The overall objective of Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK) is to facilitate the education of both lay and healthcare professional members of the population in the most effective methods of resuscitation appropriate to their needs. RCUK has developed a portfolio of freely available training products and guidelines to support this objective which includes:

- Resuscitation Council UK Clinical Guidelines www.resus.org.uk/library/2021-resuscitation-guidelines
- Resuscitation Council UK Clinical Guideline Posters – available on the guidelines pages
- LIFESAVER interactive CPR training www.resus.org.uk/public-resource/how-we-save-lives/lifesaver-learning.

These products are open-access and available from www.resus.org.uk.

In addition, RCUK has developed several advanced training courses that have been tailored to meet the needs of healthcare in the UK, e.g. Advanced Life Support (ALS); European Paediatric Advanced Life Support (EPALS); Immediate Life Support (ILS); Newborn Life Support (NLS). A full list of these training products can be found at www.resus.org.uk/training-courses. These courses are quality-assured by RCUK and delivered by RCUK Instructors in accredited UK Course Centres.

Running RCUK courses outside the UK

RCUK regrets that it is unable to accredit training conducted outside the UK. Providing training is a huge undertaking, and unless it is underpinned with Instructor training and an administrative process to support this, it is usually not sustainable. A sustainable programme is best achieved using local expertise and liaising with the national Resuscitation Council (if available) about developing a course that meets local needs.

The European Resuscitation Council (ERC) has mechanisms to support and promulgate resuscitation courses in Europe and other countries through a collaboration with the national Resuscitation Council. The ERC and RCUK courses are the same and are recognised reciprocally and internationally.

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