

*A candidate's guide to the*  
**QNUK Level 3 Award in**  
**Administration of**  
**Emergency Medical Gases (RQF)**

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## Introduction

This qualification specification outlines key information required by candidates to ensure they are able to make an informed decision in regards to the qualifications they are undertaking.

## Qualification purpose

This qualification is aimed at those working in health care settings who are required to administer Oxygen and Entonox<sup>®</sup> as part of their role. This includes, but is not limited to pre-hospital care providers. This is not a licence to practice qualification and employers should ensure they have full and rigorous Clinical Governance in place to be able to allow employees to administer medical gasses.

## Qualification objective

This qualification has the purpose of supporting a role in the workplace.

## Qualification structure

### Qualification title

QNUK Level 3 Award in Administration of Emergency Medical Gases (RQF)

### Qualification accreditation number

603/2077/1

### Qualification level

3

### Credit value

1

### Guided learning hours (GLH)

6

### Total Qualification Time (TQT)

8

### Unit one title

Administering Emergency Medical Gases

### Unit one reference number

Y/616/0091

## Pre-requisites

Candidates should be at least 18 years old to undertake this qualification.

It is recommended that candidates have at least level 2 literacy to undertake this qualification within the given TQT

Candidates should have suitable first aid or medical qualifications. A minimum would be a Valid first aid at work qualification or 2-day Outdoor first aid qualification such as the QNUK Level 3 Award in Outdoor First aid (RQF).

There are no other pre-requisites for this qualification

## Geographical coverage

This qualification is available to candidates in England. The Qualification can be delivered in other countries however candidates should be aware that the content was developed in accordance with current UK practice.

## Acceptable forms of I.D.

The list below outlines acceptable forms of identification for candidates undertaking a regulated qualification with Qualifications Network.

Ideally candidates should provide at least 1 form of photo I.D. If photo I.D is not available, 2 forms of non-photographic I.D can be produced.

Acceptable forms of photographic I.D (1 required) are:

- Signed UK Photo card driving licence
- Signed passport (any nationality)
- Valid EU Photo identity card
- SIA security licence (with photo)
- Current and valid warrant card issued by HM forces or Police
- Current and valid Prison service card (with photo)
- Proof of age card
- Employee photo identification card
- Student photo identification card for a recognised educational establishment
- Firearms license (with photo)

Acceptable forms of non-photographic I.D (2 required) are:

- Current driving license – paper version
- Birth certificate
- Marriage/civil partnership certificate
- Mortgage statement (issued within past 12 months)
- Bank or building society statement (issued within last 3 months)
- Bank or building society account opening confirmation letter (issued within last 3 months)
- Credit card statement (issued within last 3 months)
- Pension or endowment financial statement (issued within last 12 months)
- P45 or P60 statement (issued within last 12 months)
- Council tax statement (issued within last 12 months)
- Valid work permit or visa issue by UK government
- Utility bill – excluding mobile phone bill (issued within last 3 months)
- Benefit statement e.g. child benefit, pension (issued within last 3 months)

## Units of assessment

### Unit one title

Administering Emergency Medical Gases

*Learning outcomes:*

*The learner will:*

*Assessment criterion:*

*The learner can:*

1	Understand the principles of administering oxygen in an emergency situation	1.1	Outline how oxygen is used within the body
		1.2	Identify indications for the administration of oxygen in different emergency situations
		1.3	Identify contraindications that prohibit the administration of oxygen
		1.4	Describe the use pulse oximetry

		1.5	Describe the limitations of pulse oximetry
		1.6	Outline precautions to be observed in relation to oxygen when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handling</li> <li>• Using</li> <li>• Storing</li> </ul>
2	Understand how to administer oxygen to a casualty	2.1	Demonstrate operational checks to be undertaken on oxygen therapy equipment prior to use
		2.2	Demonstrate the safe preparation of different administration devices for a casualty not in cardiac arrest
		2.3	Demonstrate the delivery of oxygen using a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bag valve mask</li> <li>• pocket mask with oxygen port</li> </ul>
		2.4	Outline the details that should be recorded in relation to the administration of oxygen
3	Understand the principles of administering Entonox®	3.1	Describe the presentation of Entonox®
		3.2	Identify indications for the administration of Entonox®
		3.3	Identify contraindications that prohibit the administration of Entonox®
		3.4	Identify the cautions for administering Entonox
		3.5	Outline precautions to be observed in relation to Entonox® when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handling</li> <li>• Using</li> <li>• Storing</li> </ul>
4	Understand how to administer Entonox® to a casualty	4.1	Demonstrate operational checks to be undertaken on Entonox® therapy equipment prior to use
		4.2	Demonstrate the safe preparation of Entonox®
		4.3	Outline the details that should be recorded in relation to the use of Entonox®

## Assessment methods

Candidates are assessed for this qualification using the following methods:

- Multiple-choice question paper
- Practical observation

### Multiple-Choice Question paper

Each candidate will be assessed for this qualification by the completion of a multiple-choice question paper.

Candidates will be required to score a minimum of 70% correct answers to achieve a pass.

### **Practical observation**

Candidates are required to demonstrate the safe use of gases as they would in an emergency situation, therefore, candidates will need to be able to work on the floor; for example, as with CPR.

### **Reasonable adjustments**

All candidates are required to complete the assessment criteria in a manner appropriate to the purpose of the qualification.

The prescribed assessment methods for this qualification should not unfairly disadvantage candidates, who would otherwise be able to demonstrate competence in the assessment criteria and in line with the purpose of the qualification.

If you feel the assessment methods above would disadvantage you please contact your centre to discuss reasonable adjustment.