



# South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate

The South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate is for rescuers outside of New Zealand and Australia who live and work in the islands of the South Pacific region. This certificate is for health professionals who require practical and theoretical skills of resuscitation, and is facilitated by CORE Advanced instructors. Upon completion, learners will receive a South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate in life support.

## **How is the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate obtained?**

This certificate provides learners with an opportunity to develop practical skills in resuscitation, facilitated by self-directed learning and face-to-face training. The components of the face-to-face are adapted from CORE Advanced and tailored to learners' needs and to the local environment.

Self-directed learning (min three weeks)

Face-to-face training (2-9 hours, flexible)

## **Self-Directed Learning**

Before attending the face-to-face training, there is a minimum period during which the learner will be expected to acquire the necessary theory with pre-reading. The South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate course is taught using NZ Resuscitation Council guidelines. Learners should have access to 'Resuscitation – A Guide for Advanced Rescuers' at least three weeks before their face-to-face training. This manual contains the theory and knowledge directly applicable to the course and can be purchased in our [Shop](#).

## **Face-to-face Training**

Face-to-Face training is facilitated by one or more CORE Advanced instructors, one of whom is the course director.

This training focuses on two areas:

1. The practical skills of resuscitation
2. Scenarios for the management of collapse and medical emergencies.

The training should also provide the learner with ample opportunity for discussion.

Face-to-face training is designed to enable a variety of health professionals to work in teams, just as they might in real life. Although the final learner group will be tailored to the local environment as required, the NZ Resuscitation Council advocates for multi-disciplinary courses wherever feasible.

## **Flexibility of Delivery**

Any component of CORE Advanced may be provided and adapted depending on the learners' needs. We suggest that, at a minimum, the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate course include skill stations in Adult Collapse Management and Defibrillation (AED) and one or more scenarios on adult cardiac arrest (minimum 2 hours).

The South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate may be completed in one day or spaced out over a number of days, evenings, or weeks. This flexibility allows the course to be completed in circumstances where learners are unable to attend full-day practical courses, and allows the content to be incorporated into broader courses covering additional material.

## **Content**

Face-to-face training will be delivered as a series of modules covering the essential practical skills of resuscitation. Skill stations are based around key management guidelines. Scenarios focus on skill application, clinical decision making, communicating effectively and understand the importance of, and establish, team behaviour.

## **Clinical implications of the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate**

The NZ Resuscitation Council makes the following statements in relation to the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate:

- Successful completion of the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate does not qualify the learner to perform, or indicate that the learner is competent to perform, the skills of resuscitation in the clinical setting. The application of certification to indicate clinical competence must be decided solely by the clinical institution within which the learner practices.
- The material taught as part of South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate may not correspond exactly to that which the learner is permitted to practice in their own clinical institution. The final clinical application of these skills is solely at the discretion of the clinical institution concerned.

## **Recognition of Prior Learning**

Learners should have the prior skills and theoretical knowledge necessary to complete the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate. Because the New Zealand Resuscitation Council considers that all learners should complete the entire course for their skill level, there is no specific recognition of prior learning.

## **Certification and Cross-Crediting**

Learners shall receive a South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate dated from the date of their face-to-face training. The certificate is issued by the certifying instructor and not the New Zealand Resuscitation Council.

CORE Advanced instructors have experience, competence and qualifications to teach the practical and theoretical skills of resuscitation.

The NZ Resuscitation Council expects that instructors will be adapting content of the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate course to make it relevant to the skill level of learners and the resourcing available within the local environment. The New Zealand Resuscitation Council has not checked or verified the content and cannot accept responsibility concerning the completeness of an individual course.

The NZ Resuscitation Council does not recognise the South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate as equivalent to CORE certification and individual registration bodies or employers should

evaluate the content (acquired from the certifying instructor) for the purposes of professional or workplace credentialing.

## **Ongoing Feedback**

The NZ Resuscitation Council is keen to monitor the development of South Pacific Resuscitation Certificate Courses and invites the course directors of the courses to provide a report on delivery, content and participant feedback.

To submit a report, please [contact us](#).