



NEW BS-8599 British Standard Workplace First Aid Kits



When will the new standard come into force?

BS8599 is effective from 30th June 2011, with a transitional introduction period until 31st December 2011.

The old standard

This standard replaces the BHTA-HSE kits 10, 20 and 50, that are currently universally used in the UK, and are based on the HSE guidelines. The Current BHTA standard was published in 1997, and is long overdue a review. The BHTA standard will be withdrawn from 31st December 2011.

What the law says

The Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 states:-

"An employer shall provide or ensure that there are provided such equipment and facilities as are adequate and appropriate in the circumstances for enabling first aid to be rendered to his employees if they are injured or become ill at work"

The new BSi first aid kits are now the only safe and clear way for an employer to meet their obligations...

The HSE position

The Health and Safety Executive have been closely involved in the creation of this standard, being members of the BSI standards committee. The current guidelines contained in document L74 from the HSE are met and exceeded by the new BSI standard.

What kits are available?

There are four sizes of first aid kits, workplace small, medium, large and a travel kit.

Example price: Small (10 person) Kit £17.33

What size is required?

Employers are required to make a risk assessment to decide what the hazard levels are and how many employees are involved in the area to be covered.

CATEGORY OF THE HAZARD	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	NUMBER AND SIZE OF FIRST AID KITS
LOW HAZARD e.g. shops, offices, libraries etc.	Less than 25	Small size kit
	25 – 100	Medium size kit
HIGH HAZARD e.g. light engineering and assembly work, Food processing, Warehousing, Extensive work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments, Construction & Chemical manufactures.	More than 100	1 Large kit per 100 employees
	Less than 5	Small size kit
	5 – 25	Medium size kit
	More than 25	1 large kit per 25 employees

Top up Kits

Please see the table overleaf for the extra things needed to add to old HSE kits to make them BS-8599 compliant.

To order your FREE supplies catalogue e-mail us at sales@efa-training.co.uk or call the office on 01373 - 823424.

The full catalogue and price list can also be seen on the website.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO EXISTING FIRST AID KITS TO BECOME A BS WORKPLACE KIT						
DESCRIPTION	CODE	UNIT COST	1 PERSON KIT	10 PERSON KIT	20 PERSON KIT	50 PERSON KIT
10cm X 10cm Burn Dressing	394	£1.52	1	1	2	2
Washproof Assorted Plasters	536	£2.17	0	20	20	40
Adult Size Foil Blanket	760	£0.70	1	1	2	3
Nitrile Gloves - 1 pair	059	£0.32	1	6	9	12
Rebreath Resuscitation Device with Valve	850	£0.51	1	1	1	2
Finger Dressing with adhesive fixing	310	£0.21	0	2	3	4
Conforming Bandage 7.5cm x 4m	432	£0.30	1	1	2	2
Microporous Tape 2.5cm x 10m	617	£0.61	1	1	1	1
Moist Cleansing Wipes	745	£0.05	2	14	20	20
Universal Shears Small 6"	813	£0.90	1	1	1	1
Eye Wash 250ml bottle	905	£1.48	1	0	0	0
TOP UP KIT COST (Prices ex VAT & Delivery			£6.22	£8.01	£12.00	£14.82

New Vocational Qualifications

EFA Training have now become an accredited centre with QNUK. This means that we are now able to offer a Level 2 QCF qualification off the back of the EFAW (1 Day) and Paediatric (12 Hour) courses.

About Qualifications Network (UK)

Qualifications Network (UK) is a nationally recognised awarding body offering Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQ's), meeting the standards laid down by the education regulator Ofqual.

National Qualifications - meet the criteria laid down by Ofqual for entry onto the National Qualification Framework (NQF) and Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF).

Funding:

These qualifications are also approved for the purposes of funding under Section 96 and/or Section 97 of the Learning & Skills Act (2000) and Children, Schools and Families Act 2010.

Costs:

These qualifications will cost an additional £12 on top of the HSE qualification.

Refresher Training:

Normally a 3 hr session is enough. We will help you decide what you need. Contact us for details

EFA Training Website

www.efa-training.co.uk

Our website gives you all the information you need on all our courses and keeps you up to date with any changes to procedures and protocols for first aid treatment.

Family First Aid course

If someone in your family was Unconscious or had a Heart Attack, if they were Choking or were Bleeding Badly or had a Burn or Scald or a Stroke.

Would You Know What To Do?

How long: 2 hours

Location: Westbury (Wilts) or we can come to you.

Dates: Call us to arrange a date suitable to you.

Cost: £10 per person

Minimum

Attendance: Normally 10 people.

Enquires or Advice:

Call the office and ask for Nigel for any first aid related questions.