



Ambulance Care Assistance Initial Training

Candidates who have been selected for Ambulance Care Assistant posts will be required to successfully complete an initial training course which will be held locally. The course lasts for three weeks and covers various modules, which are:

1 Week Driving

A course of defensive driving, the aim of which is to improve observation and awareness, vehicle sympathy and general driving standards. There is also a session covering Control of Infection and vehicle hygiene and a one day session on skid avoidance and low speed manoeuvring. Students are also required to achieve a reasonable knowledge of the Highway Code.

1 Week Ambulance Aid

This week covers first aid to the level required by Ambulance Care Assistants and includes basic Human Anatomy and Physiology, first on scene treatment of various injuries and common conditions, Oxygen Therapy and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

1 Week covering several modules;

A Moving and Handling module which is a certificated three day course covering the theory and practice of moving and handling and the use of all techniques and equipment used by Care Assistants in their day to day work.

Management of Aggression, the object of which is to make the student more aware of the effects of body language, theirs as well as others, and to feel more confident in their ability to deal with situations which can sometimes be quite stressful.

The week concludes with sessions covering completion of all required paperwork and the Policies and Procedures under which the Scottish Ambulance Service operates

Progress throughout the course is monitored by continual assessment and there is a practical assessment by a Senior Training Officer at the end of the ambulance aid week.

Students who successfully complete the training course will undertake a 4 month probationary period and a final probationary assessment.