POLICY FOR TRAINING CANADIAN FORCES PERSONNEL IN ACLS AND PALS

Based upon an independent review of training for medical personnel within the military and recommendations from Canadian Forces, the Heart and Stroke Foundation recognizes Qualification Levels QL5A, QL5B, QL6A Advanced Journeyman 1 (Med A) and QL6B Advanced Journeyman 2 (Physician Assistant) as prerequisite to Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support provider and instructor courses. These are military medical designations, and both the training and designations are recognized in each branch of the military.

Military personnel at QL3 and QL4 may audit the ACLS and PALS courses (provider level only) as they may be in a position to assist Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers and should also be encouraged to complete a BLS Healthcare Provider course.

If a provincial ALS Subcommittee authorizes an individual(s) outside the criteria stated above to complete an ACLS or PALS course due to local extension of protocol, it must be clearly understood by all parties that reciprocity may not be recognized elsewhere in Canada.

Note: The terms Qualification Level (QL) and Trade Qualification (TQ) are often used interchangeable within the regular forces and reserves.

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