

POLICY NO: M - 004

POLICY: ADVANCED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION IN THE USE OF OXYGEN EQUIPMENT

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1. BACKGROUND

The Oxygen Equipment Award will be needed by only a few members of the first aid community. The award is discouraged for those who are not likely to use it as this takes emphasis away from the great value of the Oxygen Resuscitation Award. It is further emphasised that persons holding the Advanced Oxygen Award be in a position to practise frequently with the equipment.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The Advanced Oxygen Award should remain current for a maximum of one year from the date of examination.
- 2.2 The minimum age should be 16 years.
- 2.3 It is recommended that candidates for the advanced oxygen award should already hold the Oxygen Resuscitation Award. A candidate who is qualified in this way will require at least 4 further hours of tuition to obtain the advanced award. Should an applicant not have the prerequisites then the awards may be learnt together in which case the total teaching time necessary is the summation of the times for the individual awards.
- 2.4 The advanced award should be taught and examined on the type of equipment customarily used by the candidate and should be valid only for that equipment.
- 2.5 The equipment taught may be bag-valve-mask, demand, manually triggered or closed circuit systems.
- 2.6 The curriculum for individual equipment should be only slightly different and should emphasise basic safety, correct indications for use and the need for at least two and preferably more persons to be present.

- 2.7 The curriculum should also emphasise possible complications which may arise from the use of the particular device.
- 2.8 Only equipment which meets current relevant Australian Standards will be taught.