

Skills for Care have received a number of questions regarding the TSI funding for 2009/10. These relate mainly to the First Aid, Food Hygiene and Moving and Handling qualifications to which the answers to these questions are provided below.

Questions	Answers
1. What level of qualification can be claimed for the First Aid etc i.e. is it the accredited course only or can we fund short courses?	Skills for Care will fund whatever level is appropriate for your staff needs in order to carry out the requirements of their job, provided it is accredited by an external body. The funding can only be claimed once per person.
2. Is this any approved external body?	An accredited external body.
3. When it says 'certificate provided by an external body' for these courses, does this mean awarding body such as CIEH for Food Hygiene rather than one of our own certificates which just confirms their attendance?	Yes, that is correct.
4. Certificates provided by external bodies are fine for First aid & Food hygiene but in our region where there are very few accredited moving and handling trainers. We ensure that trainers have attended credible training and update annually. Will Skills for Care accept a Training provider certificate of attendance as evidence?	No, this should be provided by an external body
5. Does First Aid mean a basic one-day appointed person course or a 4-day First Aid course that qualifies the attendee as a First Aider for their organisation or both?	Skills for Care will fund whatever level is appropriate for your staff needs in order to carry out the requirements of their job, provided it is accredited by an external body. The funding can only be claimed once per person.
6. I have had several enquiries re claiming for First Aid, Moving & Handling, and Food Hygiene etc. I know from personal experience when working for a care provider, we paid to qualify a member of staff to deliver these courses so that we could run them 'in house' so what are the guidelines for claiming the funding for these qualifications?	There is a difference between being trained and having a qualification. We will only fund those that have an externally credited qualification. Therefore in this instance, we would fund the training for the staff member that had been on the external course if this was accredited and we would also fund that person to achieve training qualifications. However, we would not fund those members of staff who were trained internally unless the internal training resulted in external accreditation.

<p>7. The query is about the use of external training bodies, many of the larger social care organisations, local authorities, etc have in-house trainers to cover some of these fields, presumably that will be ineligible?</p>	<p>In house training will only be funded where it results in external accreditation. However if the training is part of an NVQ outcome then funding could be claimed by the employer for each candidate who achieved that unit.</p>
<p>8. What are the evidence requirements for the ESOL qualification?</p>	<p>A Certificate provided by an accredited external body</p>
<p>9. I have noticed that the D2 Unit is not funded, why is this?</p>	<p>Following a review these units will now be included in the List of Acceptable Units for 2009/10. Employers are also now able to claim these units for 2008/9.</p>
<p>10. First Aid - is this Appointed Persons Emergency Aid?</p>	<p>Skills for Care will fund whatever level is appropriate for your staff needs in order to carry out the requirements of their job, provided it is accredited by an external body. The funding can only be claimed once per person.</p>