Course Rules update – main changes

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The ERC Board, following the advice of the Development Committee on Education (DC Edu) has approved an update of the ERC Course Rules on 01.09.2019. These updated Course Rules become applicable as of 05.09.2019. Apart from small stylistic corrections, the main changes in this update are:

Most important changes

1. A new course is introduced: the European Paediatric Basic Life Support (EPBLS) course (2.3/1). This course focuses on CPR of children, both for providers and healthcare professionals.

2. A BLS course can now also be directed by a BLS FI, as an acting Course Director (9.2 and 12.3-4). The same applies for EPBLS FI regarding EPBLS courses (9.2 and 12.45-45/1). The “CD at a distance” is discontinued.

3. The minimum age of participants, the MCQ time and duration of recertification courses are no longer centrally defined. The minimum duration for BIC (4 hrs), ILS (7 hrs) and EPILS (5 hrs) have been updated; all durations now include (reasonable) breaks (4.2).

4. Recertification via a recertification programme is now defined. For ALS and ILS, the recertification programme is added as an attachment (10.3; attachment 6a).

Other updates

5. The BLS-I courses will now be called the Basic Instructor Course (BIC), as it serves as the instructor training for both BLS and EPBLS (2.7).

6. The concept of Course Center (CC), which was introduced in CoSy in 2017, has now been added to the Course Rules. The Course Center is the entity (organisation or individual) while the person doing the administration is the Course Organiser (2.25/1 and 2.26).

7. As a particular type of CC, the Large Course Center (LCC) is created. A LCC – like a hospital or school – can upload their community and manage them in a more flexible way. This is subject to a separate agreement with the ERC (2.25/2 and 4.16).

8. CC and faculty members need to be prepared to receive relevant information regarding ERC training. If they refuse to receive such information (for example in view of their GDPR rights), they can no longer keep their qualification (4.14.o and 9.1/1).

9. A new separate chapter (“10/1 Charges”) defines the Seat types and how they are charged (10/1.1-7). The (optional) additional charge by National Resuscitation Councils (NRCs) has been made explicit now (10/1.4).

10. The rule of a mandatory (paper) manual has been removed: access to the ERC Course System includes the electronic content (online and/or pdf) are part of the services covered by the Seat price (3.4, 10/1.1).

11. CC permissions now also apply to subordinate course types. For example: an ALS Course Centre may also run ILS and BLS courses (4.11/1).
12. **CC now need to comply with the ERC Data Protection Policy and other GDPR requirements** (4.14.n-o). The evident condition that a CC has access to **suitable infrastructure**, was added to the CC conditions (4.14.c).

13. Candidates who failed, should be given a **copy of their assessment form(s)** now and offered remedial help (7.5/1).

14. **The IP status can now be extended** to three years upon individual request (7.23).

15. The Course Rules now define in which case and when a **Seat is charged**, including the criteria to take along an unused Seat by a participant (8.8).

16. **If there is no other agreement between the CC and the faculty member, any of them can resort to the ERC Travel Policy** (9.14).

17. At the moment the GIC starts, participants still need to have a valid Provider and IP qualification (9.15).

18. It is clarified that **(two) full** (and not recertification) **provider courses** are required for an IC\(^1\) to become FI\(^2\). An IP whose provider certificate expired, now first needs to renew his provider certificate before being able to act as an IC (9.15).

19. It is clarified that an **extension of a running qualification** starts from the last day of the previous period (10.6, 10.10 and 10.14).

20. **The recertification rules for persons who hold different CD qualifications** has been reworded in order to make them more transparent. An example is added in the footnotes (10.11-16).

21. **NRCs can defer** from the rule that FI of Advanced Courses can act as FI on Basic courses (12.7, 12.47).

22. As already was the case for ALS, it is recommended to have a **medical doctor** available for each group of participants in an **EPALS course** (12.8).

23. **The split EPALS and split ALS course is introduced**, with two separate days in a period of 12 months (12.10/1, 12.23/1).

24. EPALS or EPILS participants who **failed** in the tests, can now also be rewarded the EPBLS certificate (12.12 and 12.16/1).

25. **An immediate retest of the airway test is now possible in NLS** (12.19/1).

26. **Specific rules for EPBLS** (assessment, equipment, CD requirements, IC and FI’s of Advanced Courses) have been defined (12.43-12.49).

27. The list of **Attached Documents** has been updated, the lay-out in line with the ERC house style. Content was updated of the ERC Code of Conduct. The recertification programme for ALS and equipment lists for all courses were added, **as well as the Data Protection Policy and the Travel Policy**.

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\(^1\) Instructor Candidate

\(^2\) Full Instructor