

1. What medical qualifications, regulated or otherwise, are required to operate as Emergency Ambulance Crew within your trust.

Accredited IHCD BTEC Technician, NNAS Accredited Emergency Medical Technician and HCPC Registered Paramedic.

2. What medical qualifications, regulated or otherwise, are accepted by your trust for direct entry employment to Emergency Ambulance Crew within your trust.

Current practice as an IHCD BTEC Technician, for Technician equivalent qualifications [Non IHCD] transferring from other trusts/organisations a decision would be made by performing a skills gap analysis and an identification of training needs. For qualified Paramedics it would be HCPC registered, if qualified but not registered (newly qualified paramedics) they would act in the capacity of an EMT pre HCPC registration.

3. What medical qualifications, regulated or otherwise, are accepted by your trust for Emergency Ambulance Crew employed by a Private Ambulance Provider working on behalf of your trust.

See answer 2 plus all providers used for A & E Support, Emergency Care Assistant (ECA), High Dependency, FPOS (Enhanced) need to meet the standards outlined within the National Health and Social Care Framework Specification for Urgent Care 2014 – 2019.

What Emergency Response Driving qualifications, regulated or otherwise, are required to operate as Emergency Ambulance Crew within your trust.

Old legacy qualification - IHCD B-Tec Level 3 Emergency Response Driving 2. New qualification - Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (L3CERAD) This is an RQF Qualification regulated by Ofqual.

4. What Emergency Response Driver qualifications, regulated or otherwise, are accepted by your trust for direct entry employment to Emergency Ambulance Crew within your trust.

The driving qualifications we insist upon for emergency operational staff and direct entrants to the trust are as below.

1. Old legacy qualification - IHCD B-Tec Level 3 Emergency Response Driving
2. New qualification - Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (L3CERAD) This is an RQF Qualification regulated by Ofqual.

The individual would have to prove that their certificates were current, i.e. they were currently practising or have been within in the past 6 - 12 months, and would also have to undertake an emergency response driving assessment, which is pass or fail; we do not simply accept the certificates as a direct entry.

- 5. What Emergency Response Driver qualifications, regulated or otherwise, are accepted by your trust for Emergency Ambulance Crew employed by a Private Ambulance Provider working on behalf of your trust.**

We do not use Private Ambulance providers for emergency responses.

- 6. What authorities/bodies, if any, oversee/regulate these decisions for your trust.**

We operate a third party framework which states private ambulance providers have to comply with our strict operating requirements, guidelines and governance.