



# RESUSCITATION COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



## RCSA Policy Statement # 36

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### RCSA / AHA TRAINING PROVIDED OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA

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#### **Preamble**

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The information below provides a process by which AHA Instructors can conduct courses and issue AHA cards outside of the country where their International TC (ITC) is based.

The AHA acknowledges that many AHA Instructors and TSs have ongoing relationships within the international medical and safety communities. Often these contacts request training outside of the country where the TS is located. Generally, a TS is approved to offer AHA training only in its country of incorporation. This policy will outline the process to obtain permission for courses conducted outside of South Africa and ensure the quality of international training.

#### **1. Provider Training**

The AHA's preference is to direct training to local TCs whenever possible. A local TS can follow up with provider course participants after 2 years to support ongoing training and the local TS can also select participants in its provider courses to enroll in future Instructor Essentials courses to further develop the Training Network.

If training is requested where there is a local TC, the AHA will direct training to a local TC unless there is a compelling reason that the local TC cannot support the training. If there is no local TC, instructors can travel from a TC in a different country to offer provider training after they have obtained approval from AHA's ECC International Department.

To obtain approval, an applicant must submit an International Training Application. The application must be filled out completely and submitted at least 6 weeks before the start of the proposed training. Approval is not automatic. The applicant must also submit a letter of support from his or her TC as well as copies of the AHA Instructor cards of all instructors participating in the training.

The application can be found on the AHA's website using the following link: [International Training Application](#)

AHA Instructors must comply with the standards contained in the most current *Program Administration Manual—International Version* as well as the Instructor Manual, regardless of where the course is taught.

## 2. Instructor Training

Approval for instructor training follows the same process as approval for provider training, but with additional requirements. Because all AHA Instructors must be aligned with a local TS to be active as an instructor, any TS applying to offer Instructor training in a different country must have a plan for the potential instructors to align with a local TC or TS before the training can be approved.

If the TS is planning to provide instructor training to an organization abroad that is applying for TS status, the organization must submit the application and receive initial approval before the instructor training can be approved. It is important that the TC planning to provide the training and the TC applicant be in contact with the AHA throughout the process. If you have questions about offering instructor training to a potential TC, [contact eccinternational@heart.org](mailto:eccinternational@heart.org) ([opens new window](#))

## 3. Prohibited Countries List

As a US corporation, the AHA abides by the US government's rules and regulations that prohibit or restrict conducting business transactions with certain countries, individuals, and entities. All AHA TCs in the US, TCs, ITCs, and their sites must abide by the US government's directives on such transactions including:

- [Terrorist Designations and State Sponsors of Terrorism](#)
- [Foreign Corrupt Practices Act](#)
- [Denied Persons List/Unverified List/Entity List/Specially Designated Nationals List/Debarred List/Nonproliferation Sanctions](#)
- [Sanctions Programs and Country Information](#)

If you have questions, please contact AHA's ECC International Department at [contact eccinternational@heart.org](mailto:eccinternational@heart.org) ([opens new window](#)).

## 4. Recognition of status

### Overview

The AHA ECC Programs recognizes the mobility of its providers and instructors and encourages them to remain active in the ECC Training Network wherever they move. The list below details recognition of status in the ECC Training Network in the United States and Internationally.

### Within the AHA:

#### **Provider:**

- Recognized by all AHA TCs worldwide

#### **Instructor:**

- Recognized nationally and internationally
- An instructor card supersedes a provider card. Provider status (for the same discipline) is deemed current if the instructor card remains valid. The AHA does not require an instructor to have a valid

provider card. However, policy from different agencies or regulatory bodies may make it a requirement.

### **Training Centre Faculty:**

- A Training Centre Faculty appointment is not transferable between ITCs.
- A Training Centre Faculty member who transfers to another ITC will need to work with the new ITC to establish Training Centre Faculty status.

### **International TCs:**

The role of the ITC and the US TC is the same. The AHA seeks consistency in training in all TCs, both in the United States and globally.

AHA course completion cards issued by any AHA ITC should be considered equivalent, regardless of their country of origin.

Contact ECC International for questions about international recognition at [ecc.international@heart.org](mailto:ecc.international@heart.org)

### **5. RCSA Policy on training outside of South Africa**

- RCSA Instructors providing AHA training outside of our borders must comply with the AHA policy above.
- The TS must ensure they are able to support and supervise any training they offer out of the country. This is a long-term commitment.
- If you train away from your TS – ensure you will have the required equipment as per AHA/RCSA policies.
- Comply with all the documentation requirements – i.e. submitting to RCSA office, providing cards/ecards, etc.
- Ascertain the legal requirements e.g. Work Visa's, International Insurance, PCR tests or COVID vaccine certificate, etc.
- If you are concerned about safety and stability of the country, ensure you seek advice from US Embassy website.

### **Instructor Training:**

- The instructor candidates' TS must take the responsibility for arranging PRIOR to the instructor course a faculty member to do the monitoring in person. The instructor candidates' TS must take the responsibility for mentoring new instructor candidates that they train.
- Monitoring of new instructors should be done in person.
- If you train new instructors they need to be aligned to a local RCSA TS, or establish their own.
- You need to have permission from RCSA EXCO if they are planning on forming a new TS under the RCSA ITC.
- If the client is planning on forming an ITC, we must encourage them to deal directly with the AHA.

### **Financial Issues:**

- Ensure all requirements, policies, procedures, and costs are clearly explained up front to the client.
- Payments should be negotiated and approved by the client in writing.
- Ensure invoices are paid in full before training materials are provided as it is almost impossible to ensure payments post training.

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