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Dear Coach,

RE: FAW Coach Education Pathway Update

We are pleased to share that starting from 1st July 2025, there will be some exciting changes to our Coach Education Pathway.

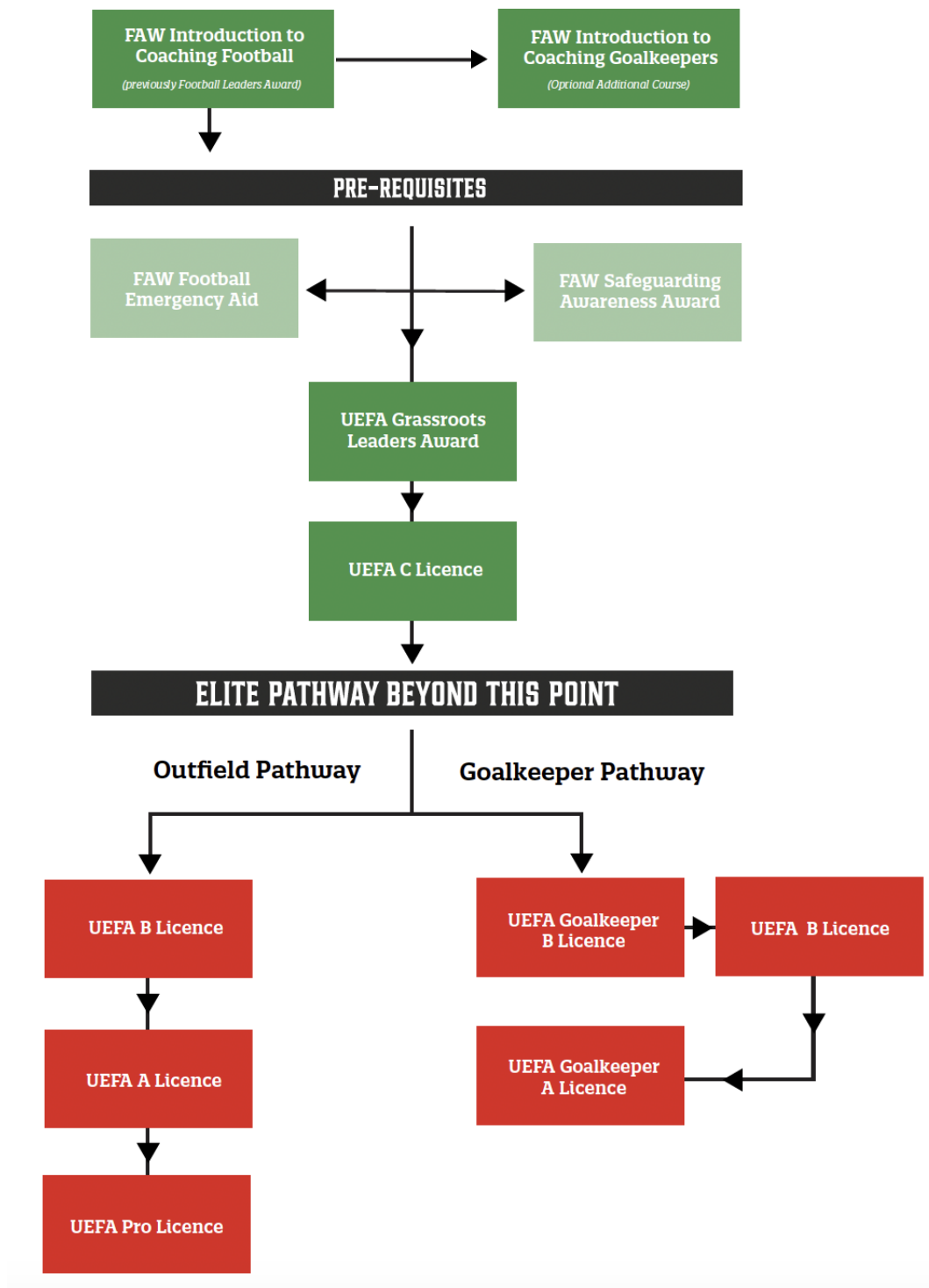
Here's what you can expect:

- The FAW Football Leaders Award will be renamed the FAW Introduction to Coaching Football.
- The FAW Goalkeepers Award will be renamed the FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers.
- An online/OnDemand FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award will be introduced which will take the place of the tutor-led FAW Safeguarding Award. Furthermore, a new Level 2 course specifically designed for Safeguarding Officers will be developed in the future.
- The FAW C Certificate will be removed from the pathway.
- The introduction of a new course, the UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award. This course will primarily be delivered in person and will also assist coaches in transitioning from our entry-level course, the FAW Introduction to Coaching Football, to the UEFA C Licence.
- Students wishing to pursue the UEFA B Goalkeeper Licence will now be able to do so with a UEFA C Licence.

We believe these changes will create a smoother transition between course levels, enhance the learning experience, and ensure our content remains relevant to the evolving game.

Please find a diagram below illustrating what the pathway will look like from 1st July 2025.





If your club is applying for funding support through the Sport Wales BE Active grant, we would kindly ask them to detail the new courses and their respective costs. Below are the course costs effective from 1st July 2025:

Course	Cost	Delivery method	Time to complete (approximate)	Course prerequisites
FAW Introduction to Coaching Football	£100	Online/OnDemand	7 hours	N/A
FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers	£50	Online/OnDemand	3 hours	FAW Introduction to Coaching Football Or FAW Football Leaders Award
FAW Football Emergency Aid	£50	Online/OnDemand	3 hours	N/A
FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award	£25	Online/OnDemand	1 hour	N/A
UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award	£175	1 x in-person day, 1 x tutor-led webinar, 5 x self-directed online learning modules	14 hours	FAW Introduction to Coaching Football Or FAW Football Leaders Award And FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award Or FAW Safeguarding Award And FAW Football Emergency Aid
UEFA C Licence	£450	4 x in-person days, 2 x tutor-led webinars, 6 x self-directed online learning modules, 10 x session plans & reflections	65 hours	UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award
UEFA C Licence Transition Course	£200	2 x in-person days, 1 x tutor-led webinar, 1 x self-directed online learning modules, 4 x session plans & reflections	25 hours	FAW C Certificate



Please note that the prices listed above apply to students who are either born in Wales, coach in Wales, or have played for Wales. Different rates may apply for those who do not meet these criteria.

We will follow up shortly with information on how you can access details of the new courses and the sign-up process and to assist with any queries you may have, an FAQ document will also be created.

Until 1st July 2025, we will continue to offer our existing coach education courses and encourage coaches to participate, particularly to ensure compliance with FAW Club Accreditation criteria.

To address any initial concerns, you might have:

- If you have previously attended or are scheduled to attend the FAW Football Leaders Award, this will still be recognised as our entry-level course. The content will remain unchanged, only the title will be updated to FAW Introduction to Coaching Football. A FAW Football Leaders Award certificate will be accepted as part of the FAW Club Accreditation criteria.
- If you have previously attended or are scheduled to attend the FAW Safeguarding Award, this will still be recognised as our entry-level course.
- If you have completed the FAW C Certificate or are booked on to a course taking place between now and July 2025, a transition UEFA C Licence course will be available (details will be provided soon).

We understand that this is a significant change, but we are here to support you throughout this transition. We will be in touch shortly with more information.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best regards,



Rob Franklin
Head of Coach Education

