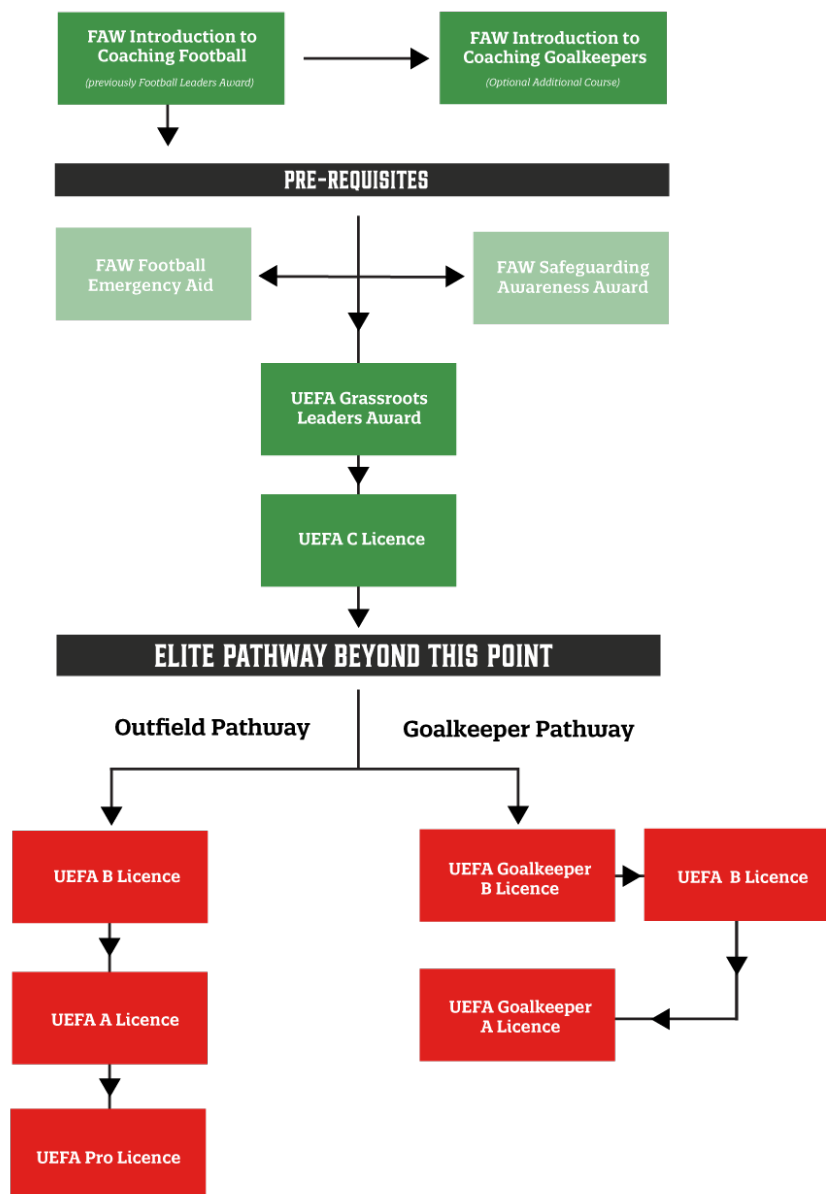


# REVISED COACH EDUCATION PATHWAY FAQs

What will the FAW Coach Education pathway look like from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025?



For more information about courses detailed in the above pathway please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/courses>

**I have an FAW Football Leaders Award. Where does that sit in the pathway? What happens when it expires?**

If you have previously completed the FAW Football Leaders Award, it will continue to be recognised as our entry-level qualification. The content will remain the same; only the title will be rebranded to FAW Introduction to Coaching Football. A certificate for the FAW Football Leaders Award will still be accepted as part of the FAW Club Accreditation criteria. Upon revalidation of this award, a new certificate will be issued, bearing the title FAW Introduction to Coaching Football.

**I have an FAW Goalkeepers Award. Where does that sit in the pathway? What happens when it expires?**

If you have previously completed the FAW Goalkeepers Award, it will continue to be recognised as our entry-level qualification. The content will remain the same; only the title will be rebranded to FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers. A certificate for the FAW Goalkeepers Award will still be accepted as part of the FAW Club Accreditation criteria. Upon revalidation of this award, a new certificate will be issued, bearing the title FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers.

**I have an FAW C Certificate. Where does that sit in the pathway? What happens when it expires?**

Effective 1st July 2025, the FAW C Certificate will be removed from the coach education pathway. However, individuals who have previously obtained the FAW C Certificate will continue to have their qualification recognised by the FAW. It will be positioned above the new FAW/UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award and below the FAW/UEFA C Licence. We strongly recommend that all FAW C Certificate holders pursue the conversion of their qualification to the FAW/UEFA C Licence. To facilitate this, a dedicated course has been created; further details can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.fawcourses.com/category/faw-c-licence>. Should you choose not to undertake the conversion, upon renewal, you will be issued a new certificate that will again bear the title FAW C Certificate.

**I understand the FAW/UEFA C Licence has an assessment. What happens if I fail?**

Yes, all UEFA licence courses have mandatory assessments to determine if candidates have passed or failed the course. If you fail the course, you are eligible for two further reassessment opportunities.

**I have previously attended the FAW Safeguarding Award, which was delivered by a tutor over a webinar. Is this still recognised?**

If a coach or safeguarding officer has previously completed the FAW Safeguarding Award, it will continue to be recognised as our entry-level qualification. Additionally, it will remain acceptable as part of the prerequisite requirements for eligibility to undertake the FAW/UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award.

**Is there any funding available to access courses?**

Some funding streams are available for coaches/clubs to access grassroots courses. This includes:

Sport Wales BEACTIVE - <https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/beactivewalesfund/>

CHASE: <https://faw.cymru/chase-free-access-to-faw-courses/>

FAW Coach Diversity Programme: <https://www.fawcourses.com/funding>

**How are the new Grassroots courses delivered and how long will they take to complete?**

Course	Delivery method	Time to complete (approximate)
FAW Introduction to Coaching Football	Online/OnDemand	7 hours
FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers	Online/OnDemand	3 hours
FAW Football Emergency Aid	Online/OnDemand	3 hours
FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award	Online/OnDemand	1 hour
FAW/UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award	1 x in-person day, 1 x tutor-led webinar, 5 x self-directed online learning modules	14 hours
FAW/UEFA C Licence	4 x in-person days, 2 x tutor-led webinars, 6 x self-directed online learning modules, 10 x session plans & reflections	65 hours

FAW/UEFA C Licence Conversion Course  <i>*Only for coaches who have previously completed the FAW C Certificate*</i>	2 x in-person days, 1 x tutor-led webinar, 1 x self-directed online learning modules, 4 x session plans & reflections	25 hours
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### **Can I access FAW/UEFA courses from outside Wales?**

Anyone is welcome to apply to access our courses. Whilst our entry-level qualifications are exclusively offered online, all other courses incorporate in-person components and are conducted in Wales.

### **Can I request a course to be held at my Club?**

The FAW/UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award can be held at club locations provided there are a minimum of 16 candidates. For further information, please contact: [coacheducation@faw.cymru](mailto:coacheducation@faw.cymru). All other courses are delivered on a regional basis.

### **I have heard that certain roles allow for the exemption of an FAW Football Emergency Aid Award. Is this true?**

Individuals with the following roles who work within the Healthcare profession, with up-to-date training, will be determined as an appropriately qualified first aid provider without completing the FAW Football Emergency Aid (FEA) course: Nurse (RGN), Physiotherapist (HCPC), Doctor (GMC), Paramedic (HCPC), First Aid/BLS/ALS Tutor, Sports Therapist/Rehabilitator, Military Combat Medical Technician (CMT), A recognised HSE First Aid for Sport Course (such as 'British Red Cross First Aid for Sport course or St John's Ambulance Sports First Aid training course). First Aid Qualifications Not Accepted: First Aid at Work, Emergency First Aid at Work, First aid for adults, First Aid for baby and child.

### **Does the FAW offer any courses to support coaches working with Disabled Footballers?**

We want to make the game as inclusive as possible, and we have created a new module entitled 'Football for everyone', which is part of the FAW Introduction to Coaching Football Award, replacing the standalone award. This module aims to provide all coaches with advice and guidance on how to support all players within a practice. Additional education content has been created as part of our Grassroots CPD programme and is available on Coach Cymru.

### **Does the FAW offer any courses to support Futsal or Walking Football?**

Futsal and Walking Football education content has been created as part of our Grassroots CPD programme and is available on Coach Cymru.

### **How do I enrol/apply for courses, and is there admission criteria?**

#### **FAW Introduction to Coaching Football**

The FAW Introduction to Coaching Football Award is available exclusively online. There is no prerequisite criteria to access this award. Candidates must be a minimum of 14 years of age.

\*Please be advised that this award will not be available until 1st July 2025. The FAW Football Leaders Award is available to access during May and June. To enrol, please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/category/leaders-award>

#### **FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers**

The FAW Introduction to Coaching Goalkeepers Award is available exclusively online. To enrol on this award, candidates must have previously attended either the FAW Introduction to Coaching Football Award or the FAW Football Leaders Award. Candidates must be a minimum of 14 years of age.

\*Please be advised that this award will not be available until 1st July 2025. The FAW Goalkeepers Award is available to access during May and June. To enrol, please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/category/goalkeepers>

### **FAW Football Emergency Aid Award**

The FAW Football Emergency Aid Award is available exclusively online. There is no prerequisite criteria to access this award. Candidates must be a minimum of 14 years of age. To enrol, please visit: <https://www.fawcourses.com/category/firstaid>

### **FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award**

The FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award is available exclusively online. There is no prerequisite criteria to access this award. Candidates must be a minimum of 16 years of age.

\*Please be advised that this award will not be available until 1st July 2025. The tutor-led version will be available to access during May and June. For additional information, including award dates, and to apply for this award, please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/category/safeguarding>

### **FAW/UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award, candidates must have previously attended the FAW Introduction to Coaching Football Award or the FAW Football Leaders Award, as well as the FAW Safeguarding Awareness Award or FAW Safeguarding Award, and the FAW Football Emergency Aid Award. Candidates must be a minimum of 16 years of age. For additional information, including award dates and locations, and to apply for this award, please visit: <https://www.fawcourses.com/category/grassroots-leaders-award>

\*Please be advised that this award will not be available to attend until after 1st July 2025; however, applicants can still register.

### **FAW/UEFA C Licence**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA C Licence, candidates must hold a valid UEFA Grassroots Leaders Award. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age.

\*Please be advised that this award will not be available to attend until after 1st July 2025; however, applicants can still register.

### **FAW/UEFA C Licence Conversion Course**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA C Licence Conversion Course, candidates must hold a valid FAW C Certificate. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age. For additional information, including course dates and locations, and to apply for this license, please visit: <https://www.fawcourses.com/category/faw-c-licence>

### **FAW/UEFA B Licence**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA B Licence, candidates must hold a valid UEFA C Licence and have completed at least six months of experience, after graduating with the UEFA C Licence, as a head or assistant coach. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age. For additional information, including course dates and locations, and to apply for this licence, please visit: <https://www.fawcourses.com/category/b-licence-regional>

### **FAW/UEFA Goalkeeper B Licence**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA Goalkeeper B Licence, candidates must hold a valid UEFA C Licence and have completed at least six months of experience, after graduating with the UEFA C Licence, as a goalkeeper coach. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age. For additional information, including course dates and locations, and to apply for this licence, please visit: <https://www.fawcourses.com/category/faw-b-licence-coaching-goalkeepers>

### **FAW/UEFA A Licence**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA A Licence & Elite Youth A Licence, candidates must hold a valid UEFA B Licence and have completed at least one year of experience, after graduating with the UEFA B Licence, as a head or assistant coach in 11-a-side football.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and are required to have access to coaching players who are at least 14 years of age and possess an ability level appropriate to the licence

level. Additionally, candidates must have access to filming equipment and a facility suitable for filming from an elevated vantage point. For additional information, including course dates and locations, and to apply for this licence, please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/category/a-licence>

### **FAW/UEFA A Goalkeeper Licence**

To be admitted onto the FAW/UEFA Goalkeeper A Licence candidates must hold a valid UEFA Pro Licence, or hold a valid UEFA B Licence and UEFA B Goalkeepers Licence, and in both cases have completed at least one year's experience, after graduating with either the UEFA B Goalkeepers Licence or UEFA Pro licence, as a goalkeeper coach in 11-a-side football. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. For additional information, including course dates and locations, and to apply for this licence, please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/category/goalkeepersallicence>

### **FAW/UEFA Pro Licence**

To be admitted to the FAW/UEFA Pro Licence course, candidates must hold a UEFA A Licence, have completed at least one year's experience, after graduating with the UEFA A Licence, as a head coach at elite youth or senior amateur level, or as an assistant coach in professional football. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. For additional information, including course dates and locations, and to apply for this licence, please visit:

<https://www.fawcourses.com/category/pro-licence>

\* Please be advised that we are permitted to organise only one UEFA Pro Licence course every two years. If no course is currently available for application, kindly provide your email address in the link detailed above, and you will be notified once the application period reopens.

### **Are there more advanced first aid courses?**

#### **Level 2 First Responder in Sport qualification**

The FAW Level 2 First Responder for Sports (FRS) course aims to provide the candidate to build upon the knowledge and content of the FAW Football Emergency Aid course. It aims to provide more thorough knowledge and understanding for First Aiders who will be the first on the scene at any First Aid incident. It will provide further learning for those who are within a sport or leisure environment for dealing with medical emergencies. It will also provide excellent underpinning knowledge for when a First Aider may be supporting a Health Care Professional. For example, coaches, parents or volunteers assisting a pitch side emergency practitioner. For further information, please contact [coacheducation@faw.cymru](mailto:coacheducation@faw.cymru)

### **How do I revalidate my coaching qualifications?**

For information, please visit:

[https://www.fawcourses.com/documents/57\\_faw\\_coach\\_cymru\\_powered\\_by\\_the\\_coaches\\_voice\\_faqs\\_-\\_april\\_2025\\_1.pdf](https://www.fawcourses.com/documents/57_faw_coach_cymru_powered_by_the_coaches_voice_faqs_-_april_2025_1.pdf)

### **I have further queries not answered in this document. Who do I contact?**

Our Coach Education team will be happy to answer queries and assist you. Please email [coacheducation@faw.cymru](mailto:coacheducation@faw.cymru)