

## ALS Candidate Assessment Criteria

During the National Advanced Life Support Program, you will be expected to meet the following assessment criteria:

Criteria	Performance
1. Demonstrate effective basic life support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the BLS algorithm (ANZCOR 2016) DRSABCD</li> <li>Assess and removes dangers</li> <li>Assess response</li> <li>Activate emergency response system</li> <li>Clear and open the airway demonstrating correct technique for head tilt chin lift and jaw thrust</li> <li>Assess for normal breathing</li> <li>Progress through the BLS algorithm with minimal delay</li> <li>Perform CPR correctly demonstrating correct depth and rate of compressions; rise and fall of the chest during breath delivery</li> </ul>
2. Demonstrate advanced airway management skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correctly check and uses a bag valve mask system</li> <li>Size and fit an oropharyngeal airway</li> <li>Size and fit a laryngeal mask airway</li> <li>State modification to CPR following successful insertion of advanced airway device</li> <li>Select and set up equipment and assist with intubation – <b>Paediatrics only</b></li> <li>Confirm correct position of ETT/SGA</li> <li>State modification to CPR following successful intubation</li> </ul>
3. Demonstrate safe defibrillation technique C.O.A.C.H.E.D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect patient to defibrillator correctly</li> <li>Safely charge pads during compressions (C.O.A.C.H.E.D)</li> <li>Analyse rhythm correctly and identifies shockable or non-shockable side of the algorithm</li> <li>Safely deliver shock to patient</li> <li>Deliver shock with minimal pause to compression</li> <li>Safely disarm defibrillator if non-shockable rhythm present</li> </ul>
4. Follow ALS algorithm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correctly identify rhythm and selects appropriate side of the ALS algorithm</li> <li>Initiate appropriate treatment (e.g. defibrillation, IV/IO cannulation, advanced airway management)</li> <li>Order correct drug, doses, administration intervals</li> <li>Assess reversible causes</li> <li>Treat reversible causes</li> <li>Recognise return of spontaneous circulation</li> <li>Manage post resuscitation cares relevant to the patient scenario</li> </ul>
5. Demonstrates closed loop communication and effectively manages ALS team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs the ALS team</li> <li>Provide feedback to BLS team and communicates throughout simulation</li> <li>Demonstrate situational awareness and prioritises throughout simulation</li> <li>Minimise interruptions to compressions throughout simulation</li> <li>Troubleshoot problems (e.g. IV access unobtainable)</li> <li>Recognise return of spontaneous circulation</li> <li>Manage post resuscitation cares relevant to the patient scenario</li> </ul>

Performance Level: Achievement of ALS competency will be categorised as follows:

Certificate of Achievement - Candidate successfully meets the above criteria

Certificate of Attendance – Candidate is not successful; does not meet the above criteria.  
 This certificate is only issued for CPD points.

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