

# QUALIFIED & LICENSED TO COACH

## UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE



Understanding the difference between an individual being 'qualified' to coach and 'licensed' to coach explained.

### Qualified to Coach

At an introductory level coaches working or volunteering within the grassroots game are encouraged to achieve the FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football. This qualification provides the individual with an introduction to coaching the game and working with players from U7s to open age.

Any individual that holds this qualification, or the FA Level 2 and above from the FA Coach Education pathway (main strand) are classed as qualified to coach the game of football.

### Licensed to Coach - FA Licensed Coaches Club

To be licensed to coach is when the individual not only holds the FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football (or above) but also holds an in-date FA Emergency Aid, in-date FA Safeguarding and if applicable (depending on the age group they are working or volunteering with) an accepted enhanced FA CRC.

Once the above criteria is met individuals must join the FA Licensed Coaches Club, which is free to join, to show they are licensed to coach against their FAN.

### Charter Standard Criteria

Becoming a licensed coach is part of Charter Standard criteria for all Charter Standard clubs. Individuals should visit [facc.thefa.com](http://facc.thefa.com) to join.

### Renewing Qualifications

Both the FA Emergency Aid and FA Safeguarding have a 3 year life span. The FA Emergency Aid must be renewed by attending a workshop whereas the FA Safeguarding can be renewed online via [learning.thefa.com](http://learning.thefa.com).

### FA Enhanced CRC

FA Enhanced CRC's have a 3 year life span and must be 'accepted' for individuals to operate within the game. These are conducted by club welfare officers.

