

Training Memo:

2020 AHA Guidelines BLS Provider ILT Course



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Purpose	To provide direction and information on updates to the 2020 AHA Guidelines Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Instructor-Led Training (ILT) Course and training options for providers who need to complete BLS training.
General Information	The BLS Provider Course has been updated to reflect new science and training recommendations in the 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC. The AHA has developed new BLS Provider Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all BLS courses.
Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective February 1, 2021, only 2020 AHA Guidelines BLS Provider Course materials can be used for conducting all BLS Provider Courses.• BLS Training Centers and Instructors may continue to use previous stock of 2015 Guidelines version BLS materials and all BLS Interim Training Materials posted on the AHA Instructor Network through January 31, 2021.• The BLS Provider Course can be taught by current BLS Instructors. Instructors must complete the 2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Update Course for BLS before teaching new courses using new materials. 2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Updates are available through the AHA Instructor Network (login required).• Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If 2015 Guidelines version BLS materials are used, a 2015 BLS Provider eCard must be issued. If the new 2020 BLS materials are used, a 2020 BLS Provider eCard must be issued.• BLS Instructors are strongly encouraged to complete the BLS Product and Course Orientation (P&CO) available through the AHA Instructor Network (login required). The BLS P&CO was created to aid BLS Instructors in understanding the new course design and teaching strategies.• All BLS Instructors must have a current copy of the BLS Instructor Manual for the course being taught.