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Dear Paramedicine Board,

I have read through the standards and I have the following comment I'd like to offer by way of feedback.

The proposed requirement to maintain a first aid certificate is, in my opinion, inappropriate. Like any other skill that paramedics are able to perform it is up to the professional to ensure that they are maintaining proficiency. I can't understand why this one qualification is singled out as requiring mandatory recertification. Does it really make sense that a 20 year veteran in paramedicine, with a masters degree and (like me) over 750 cardiac arrests under their belt be forced to attend a first aid class run by a teenager who has never seen a cardiac arrest, or a stroke, or an unconscious hypoglycemic in their life? Obviously, that's a rhetorical question. Of course, it doesn't. This requirement goes against the very spirit of registration - which is that paramedics are self-regulating professionals who reflect critically on their own practice and create their own customized plans for remediation and improvement - all of which is covered in the CPD cycle that is already presented in the proposed registration plan. I would strongly suggest that you remove this requirement.

Kind regards,  
Marc Colbeck