

Defense Health Agency (DHA) TCCC All Service Member (ASM) FAQs

Q1: What is DHA TCCC ASM training?

A1: DoDI 1322.24, *Medical Readiness Training*, Section 1.2.b. states “TCCC is the DoD standard of care for first responders (medical and non-medical) and the All Service Member TCCC course replaces Service trauma skills currently taught in first aid and self-aid buddy care courses”. The Defense Health Agency (DHA) has developed a standardized TCCC ASM curriculum for all services to institutionalize.

Q2: Who must complete the DHA TCCC ASM training?

A2: The DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan, effective 19 Feb 21, reflects that all currently serving Regular and Reserve Component Airmen and Guardians, designated to receive “All Service Members” as their role-based specified training, will complete DHA TCCC ASM training certification as an initial requirement NLT April 2023 and either initial certification or recertification within 12 months before deployment. DoD Expeditionary Civilians will complete DHA TCCC ASM certification or recertification within 12 months before deployment, unless mission requirements or job requires more advanced level of TCCC training. Initial certification for TCCC ASM will occur upon military entry for newly accessed Airmen and Guardians (BMT, OTS, USAFA, and ROTC).

Q3: How is DHA TCCC ASM different than Self Aid Buddy Care (SABC) training?

A3: There are noticeable changes between the DHA TCCC ASM course and the Department of the Air Force’s SABC course. For starters, there is no Computer Based Training (CBT) for the DHA TCCC ASM course. DHA TCCC ASM is designed to begin with a classroom presentation followed by a series of interactive, hands-on skills training sessions that encompasses rapid casualty assessment, bleeding control interventions, airway management techniques, and critical communication/documentation practices. The central objective of DHA TCCC ASM is for each student to know the fundamental concepts of TCCC (to include the phases of TCCC) and ability to perform the 5 lifesaving skills at a basic competency level.

Q4: How do we access DHA TCCC ASM training?

A4: www.deployedmedicine.com is the official website for all DHA TCCC training. The complete DHA TCCC ASM course to include presentations, skill instructions/sheets, skill cards, instructional videos, training resources, can be downloaded via zip file [here](#).

Q5: Who is responsible for the TCCC ASM Program?

A5: As noted in the DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan, “To sustain a quality TCCC ASM program, Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host Commanders will appoint, as appropriate, a primary and alternate Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host TCCC Advisor/Trainer. Our recommendation is to identify a Primary (non-medical) TCCC ASM Advisor/Trainer and an Alternate (medical) TCCC Advisor/Trainer to collaborate and manage both non-medical and medical TCCC training programs.

Q6: Is there a MAJCOM/FDCOM TCCC Advisor similar to previous MAJOM SABC Advisor?

A6: A current roster of MAJCOM/FDCOM TCCC Advisors can be found on the Knowledge Exchange DHA TCCC ASM shared documents [here](#). Only Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host appointed DHA TCCC ASM Advisors/Trainers should communicate to MAJCOM/FDCOM TCCC Advisors for technical expertise and guidance. Unit and Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host Commanders can request additional guidance from MAJCOM/FDCOM TCCC Advisors.

Q7: Who is responsible for funding DHA TCCC ASM training materials?

A7: As highlighted in the DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan, acquisition of DHA TCCC ASM training materials and funding is the responsibility of the Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host Commander.

Q8: What materials do I need to stand up a DHA TCCC ASM program?

A8: There should very minimal differences in training equipment for DHA TCCC ASM training. The intent is to train point of injury casualty care using most of the materials and supplies itemized in the Joint First Aid Kit (JFAK). A list of materials for DHA TCCC ASM training can be found in the DHA TCCC ASM Course Plan. For ease of navigation, we have extracted this page from the TCCC ASM Course Plan [here](#). Additionally, items to include an estimate of cost can be found [here](#).

Q9: How do I become a TCCC ASM trainer?

A9: There are two options to initiate the DHA TCCC ASM program:

- 1) Current SABC Instructors will become DHA TCCC ASM Trainers reviewing the DHA TCCC ASM course material on the deployed medicine website to become familiar with the course presentation slides, skill instructions/sheets, skill cards, instructional videos, training resources, etc. along with the online DHA TCCC ASM train-the-trainer course, which includes the six (6) train-the-trainer videos and an end test. This online course is available on <https://www.deployedmedicine.com>. A powerpoint tutorial to access the online train-the-trainer course and receive a DHA TCCC ASM “Trainer” certification is now available and can be accessed [here](#).
- 2) ~~USAF MAJCOMs and USSF FDCOMs select, at a maximum, two personnel to attend and complete the Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute (DMRTI) in-resident DHA TCCC ASM Master Trainer course. Master trainers will create USAF Wing and USSF Delta TCCC ASM Trainers.~~

***UPDATE:** Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host appointed DHA TCCC ASM Advisors (both Primary and Alternate) may attend the DMRTI “DHA TCCC ASM Course Manager” course (see FAQ10 for more details)

Q10: How can I sign up to attend the DMRTI DHA TCCC ASM Master Trainer course?

A10: Initially, only MAJCOM/FDCOM TCCC Advisors had the capability to enroll personnel into the course due to limited seat availability. At this time, Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host appointed DHA TCCC ASM Advisors (both Primary and Alternate) may attend the DMRTI “DHA TCCC ASM Course Manager” course (formerly the ASM Master Trainer Course). Enrollment into the course can be found [here](#). In order to attend, you must provide an appointment letter to DMRTI as highlighted on the FAQ sheet signed by the Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host Commander. Funding to attend the course is the responsibility of the Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host Commander.

Q11: My unit does not have a SABC Instructor in order to become a TCCC ASM Trainer. How do I obtain certified TCCC ASM Trainers?

A11: Units should coordinate with the Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host appointed DHA TCCC ASM Advisor/Trainer in order to train and validate DHA TCCC ASM Trainers. For students with no previous SABC Instructor background, members must complete the classroom based DHA TCCC ASM student course along with the online DHA TCCC ASM train-the-trainer course, which includes the six (6) train-the-trainer videos and an end test. As noted above, a powerpoint tutorial to access the online train-the-trainer course and receive a DHA TCCC ASM “Trainer” certification is now available and can be accessed [here](#). Inexperienced DHA TCCC ASM Trainers should be proctored by experienced TCCC trainers on a periodic basis for quality assurance purposes. Trainer resources are available on www.deployedmedicine.com and can be found [here](#). Personnel with more advanced TCCC training may assist with standing up DHA TCCC ASM and advised to communicate with Wg/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host appointed DHA TCCC ASM advisors, and if needed MAJCOM TCCC Advisor for guidance.

Q12: How do I maintain my currency as a TCCC ASM Trainer?

A12: AFI 36-2644, *Self-Aid Buddy Care*, outlines Unit SABC Instructor currency by teaching a minimum of three (3) SABC training classes per twelve (12) month period. AFRC and ANG SABC Instructors must teach three (3) classes per eighteen (18) month period. We expect this currency requirement will apply for DHA TCCC ASM once the new AFI is codified.

Q13: When will AFI 36-2644, Self-Aid Buddy Care, be replaced with a TCCC AFI?

A13: AFI 36-2644, Self-Aid Buddy Care, will be revised to reflect TCCC once all four tiers of DHA TCCC curricula are complete. For now, utilize the DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan as your guide and upchannel communication for further guidance.

Q14: How do we track and report DHA TCCC ASM training?

A14: As noted in the DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan, certification and recertification will be recorded in one of the following: Advanced Distributed Learning Service (ADLS), Air Reserve Component Network (ARCNet), or Medical Readiness Decision Support System (MRDSS). myLearning has replaced ADLS and will be used as the official repository for DHA TCCC ASM reporting. There is a “DHA TCCC All Service Members/Tier 1” course created in myLearning. **This is only a shell to report TCCC ASM completion.** myLearning is

undergoing updates to allow DHA TCCC ASM training to be reported and an estimated FOC date is unknown at this time. Our recommendation is for students and DHA TCCC Trainers to maintain a copy of DHA TCCC ASM completion certificates until this reporting capability is available. Additionally, non-medical units will also need to document DHA TCCC ASM training completion into the Defense Readiness Reporting System (DRRS).

Q15: How do I receive a DHA TCCC ASM student completion certificate?

A15: MAJCOM/FDCOM TCCC Advisors will provide Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host appointed TCCC ASM Advisor/Trainers TCCC ASM student completion certificate templates upon request. For accountability, we recommend TCCC ASM certificates to be signed by TCCC ASM Trainers and unit leadership. Additionally, units should maintain a copy of generated certificates for continuity. Certificates do not need to be uploaded into myLearning.

Q16: The milestones and implementation plan for TCCC ASM in the SecAF's memorandum dated 19 Feb 21 seems to indicate TCCC ASM will be completed only when tasked to deploy; however, Section 4 of DoDI 1322.24, *Medical Readiness Training (MRT)*, indicates this is a 3-year currency with refresher training within 12 months before deployment, unless a recertification was already completed within 12 months of departure date. Does the SecAF memorandum take precedence here, or will we be following the guidance presented in the DoDI?

A16: DoDI 1322.31, Common Military Training (CMT), provides the MILDEPs the flexibility to determine DHA TCCC ASM frequency as highlighted in the milestones of the DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan; hence the one-time "initial" certification (DoDI 1322.31, CMT), followed by recertification when tasked to deploy within 12 months before deployment (DoDI 1322.24, Medical Readiness Training). DoDI 1322.24 is undergoing a revision and we expect the language to align with DoDI 1322.31 for DHA TCCC ASM training.

Q17: Could you clarify if members currently tasked to deploy are required to receive TCCC training prior to deployment ... or will those members still receive SABC?

A17: To provide clarification, all Airmen and Guardians who will receive DHA TCCC ASM as their "role-based" TCCC training will be trained NLT Apr 2023. DHA TCCC ASM is currently institutionalized at BMT and OTS; and as highlighted in the TCCC ASM Memo signed by SecAF, Commanders across the enterprise will proceed with the execution of the TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan. We understand time needed to transition from SABC to TCCC as commanders begin to OT&E and have deployers tasked with one foot out the door. Further comments to Section 5 "Implementation Plan" pertaining to the DAF TCCC ASM Implementation Training Plan are below:

- Initial certification will occur upon initial entry (BMT, OTS, USAFA, ROTC)

~DHA TCCC ASM training is currently apart of BMT and OTS. USAFA & ROTC are projected implementation Summer 21'. This is important for units to know since personnel may be tasked to deploy after completing the one-time requirement upon initial military service entry, in which they will require TCCC ASM recertification as the pre-deployment requirement.

- All currently serving Regular and Reserve Component Airmen and Guardians will complete TCCC ASM training certification no later than April 2023, as a one-time requirement

~This is a selected force requirement for all Airmen and Guardians to complete as a one-time requirement (initial certification) NLT April 2023.

- When tasked to deploy, all Airmen, Guardians, and DoD Expeditionary Civilians will complete TCCC ASM initial certification or recertification within 12 months before deployment

~Wing/Delta/Garrison/Installation/Host locations that have institutionalized DHA TCCC ASM training will ensure those tasked to deploy will complete DHA TCCC ASM certification (whether initial certification or recertification) within 12 months before deployment. Unless you are given a suspense/directive for TCCC ASM implementation or have a deployment line remark/reporting instruction for TCCC training completion, SABC will fulfill this requirement in the interim for personnel **currently** tasked to deploy without an operational DHA TCCC ASM training program; though this does not preclude Air Force and Space Force Commanders from executing DHA TCCC ASM training highlighted in the SecAF memo, as transition is directive and should not be delayed. **Additionally, on 1 July 2022, the Self-Aid Buddy Care Program will officially sunset and the standard for pre-deployment casualty care training requirement will be TCCC.**

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