1st4sport Qualifications is an awarding organisation recognised and regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) in Scotland, created with the aim of offering vocational and occupational qualifications in areas of sport, recreation and allied occupations. These include coaching, leadership, spectator safety, leisure operations and management, education and training, sports volunteering, first aid and injury management, the outdoors, physical education and school sport, using sport to tackle youth crime and functional skills.

We work in partnership with a variety of organisations, to develop qualifications, such as: The Association for Physical Education (afPE), sports coach UK, The Football Association (FA), British Cycling, the Rugby Football Union (RFU), the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the Rugby Football League (RFL), the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and England Hockey. We are a brand of Coachwise Ltd, the trading arm of sports coach UK.

sports coach UK is the central agency for coaching. Our vision is for coaching excellence across the United Kingdom, enabling all children, players and athletes to follow their dreams, have fun and fulfil their potential. To realise this vision, we support our partners to recruit, develop and retain the coaches they need to achieve their participation and performance goals.

In England, governing bodies of sport are our national coaching system partners; regionally, we support county sports partnerships. In Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, we work with the Home Country Sports Councils. We also aim to develop our partnerships with the Higher and Further Education sectors and other agencies to unlock expertise and potential.

The 1st4sport Qualifications & sports coach UK Award for Sport in the Curriculum

The 1st4sport Qualifications & sports coach UK Award for Sport in the Curriculum is open to Colleges of Further Education and Sixth Form Colleges offering coaching, sports and leisure qualifications. The award seeks to recognise high quality teaching and learning that results in positive outcomes and involve a range of community and employer partnerships.

The assessors will be looking for approaches which:

- Recognise the value of coaching skills in the sport curriculum and enable the attainment of relevant industry skills supporting employment or progression to further learning
- Include innovative teaching, learning and assessment strategies (such as the use of e-learning or social media), which engage students and enable outstanding achievements
- Focus on the needs of the participant / user of sports programmes and facilities in the community
- Involve partner organisations such as national governing bodies of sport, County Sport Partnerships, local authorities, clubs and the private sector in delivering the curriculum
- Demonstrate practical learning approaches which include relevant community placements enabling students to understand the leisure market and consumer needs