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### **NEW FAI COACH EDUCATION PATHWAY:**

#### **Working towards Compulsory Aspects:**

- Each coach will have to have completed their Garda Vetting (or equivalent internationally) completed for certification from the course. Coaches will be allowed enter the course prior to and during the process but certification will not be confirmed until both Garda Vetting and Child Welfare is confirmed. As of January 2018 entry to the course will be based on having the Child Welfare Course Completed.
- As of 2020, each coach working within association football will have a coaches ID Card which the coach will have to register for every January. The ID Card will have the coaches name, image, qualification if any, Garda Vetting and Child Welfare and the ID Card will be dated for the Calendar year.

NB: A coach can complete a course in 2017 without the child welfare or Garda vetting but must not be certified until they do complete the course.



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### **Pathway:**

The pathway is based on the theory of reality-based learning and is directly aligned to the FAI Player Development Plan, and is underpinned through the competency model. The changes to the pathway are as follows:

#### **Grassroots:**

PDP 1 (formerly KS1) The Kick Start courses have been redesigned to represent the information on the player development plan and to be more reality based.

PDP 2 (formerly KS2)

PDP 3 (formerly Youth Certificate Material)

Adult Intro (Formerly Senior Intro)

Workshops – multiple workshops will allow for coaches to continuously up skill and develop themselves as well as providing an access point for coaches who were unable to attend formal coaching courses due to work or lifestyle commitments, the workshops now make it easier for coaches to have regular engagement with Coach Education.

The significant change to the grassroots pathway is that now coaches enter in the reality based learning model where they enter at the level they are coaching.

PDP 1 – 6 to 9 year olds

PDP 2 – 9 to 12 year olds

PDP 3 – 13 to 18 year olds

Adult Intro – Adult Game



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Workshops - we have increased the number of workshop and will continue to design relevant workshops as follows:

Current:

- 4 v 4 Small sided Games
- 7 v 7 Small Sided Games
- PDP Workshop (Free)
- Strength and Conditioning
- Fundamentals of GK
- New which include the above:
- Fundamentals of GK 2
- International GK Workshop
- FUTSAL Intro
- Soccer specific exercise and fitness
- Anti Doping
- Soccer Specific Psychology
- Small Sided Games working back from 11 v 11
- Performance Analysis – HUDL
- Football For All
- Fundamental Development 3 – 6 year olds

All of the workshops can be completed without ever entering the generic pathway and majority cost € 25 – A coach could complete 40 hours of Workshops!



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For a grassroots coach that wants to progress to the Licenced level they must complete a minimum of 40 hours of grassroots education. Once completed they can then enter the Licence pathway at D Licence Level. If a coach wishes to stay within the Grassroots pathway and work systematically through it, for example going as follows:

- Child Welfare – 3 hrs.
- PDP 1 (formerly KS1) – 8 hrs.
- PDP 2 (formerly KS2) – 16 hrs.
- PDP 3 – 24 hrs.
- Adult Intro (Formerly Senior Intro) – 24 hrs.
- Workshops – 3 hrs. each

When a coach reaches 100 hrs. of Grassroots Coach Education they would then be eligible to apply to become an Elite Grassroots Coach (Minimum 100 hrs. of Coach Education and a report on their engagement in grassroots coaching)  
Please note in 2016, a grassroots coach's pathway to licence level was:

Child Welfare = € 10

Kick Start 1 = € 45

Kick Start 2 = € 75

4 v 4 & 7 v 7 & S/C = €75

Youth Cert = € 300

Progress to Licence Level would have paid: € 505



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In 2017 Coaches only need to complete 40hrs. For example completing:

- Child Welfare € 10 (3 hrs.)
- Adult intro - € 120 (24 hrs.)
- Workshops - €125 ( 15 hrs.)
- Progress to Licence Level would pay € 255

Then complete the National D Licence which is replacing the old Youth Certificate which would cost € 125

Total cost in New Pathway = 380

### **Licence Pathway**

The significant changes to the Licence Pathway are the introduction of the following:

- Elite Grassroots Coaching Licence (100 hrs of grassroots coach education)
- National D Licence (replacing the old Youth Cert step)
- National C Licence
- UEFA B Licence
- UEFA A Licence
- UEFA Elite Youth A Licence
- UEFA Pro Licence

After completing the UEFA A Licence you are eligible to apply where suitable for the UEFA Elite Youth A and or the UEFA Pro Licence.



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### **Entry Routes to Licensed Coaching:**

#### **Entry route 1: National D Licence:**

From Grassroots Pathway in which the coach has completed 40 hours of grassroots education and then apply for the National D Licence.

#### **Entry route 2: National C Licence:**

Any coach who currently has the Youth Certificate has until the end of 2017 to complete a conversion course to convert his or her qualification to a National C Licence; from 2018 onwards anyone with a youth certificate will have to complete the full C Licence course.

#### **Entry point 3: National C Licence:**

Once a coach has completed their National D Licence they then progress onto National C Licence.

\*\* Current Airtricity League or Elite Players entry point is the National C Licence  
Entry point 4: UEFA B

Once a coach has completed the National C Licence they will be recommended a time frame to progress to the UEFA B.

\*\* Specialist Criteria Under UEFA Convention A former/ current player whom has a minimum of 5 years of active playing (minimum 10 appearances annually) in the Airtricity League or higher.



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These are the above entry points to the Licence pathway and the steps after this are as follows:

### **UEFA A:**

Coaches must have the UEFA B for a minimum of 12 months

### **UEFA Elite Youth A Licence:**

Coaches can enter this once they have an A Licence.

### **UEFA Pro Licence:**

Coaches must have an A Licence for minimum 12 months and be working at the required level.





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### **Specialist Routes – Goalkeeping**

- Introduction of specialist routes:
- Goalkeeping Pathway:
- Fundamentals of GK
- International GK Skills Workshop
- National GK D Licence
- National GK C Licence
- National GK B Licence

From the National Level you do not need to enter the generic pathway, but to complete the UEFA A GK Diploma you must complete the UEFA B Licence. In the event that a coach wishes to do this there would be an individual assessment of their competencies and if suitable they could go directly across to the B Licence, if they do not have the competency level then they will be required to complete the C Licence.

- UEFA B Licence
- UEFA GK A Diploma

### **Specialist Routes - FUTSAL**

- Futsal Intro
- Futsal D Licence
- Futsal C Licence
- UEFA futsal Licence

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