



Level 3 Award in Close Protection

This Qualification Specification document is designed to outline all you need to know about the Level 3 Award in Close Protection.

Qualification

The Level 3 Award in Close Protection (QCF) has been accredited by the regulators of England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Ofqual, Welsh Government and CCEA) and is part of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). It is supported by Skills for Security, the Sector Skills Body for the Security sector.

Overview

This qualification has been developed to meet the requirements of the Security Industry Authority (SIA). It is based on the relevant SIA Specifications for Learning and Qualifications and provides the learner with the necessary knowledge and understanding to apply for an SIA licence and work as a Close Protection Operative.

Entry Guidance

This qualification is approved for delivery to the age ranges 18+ due to the requirements of an SIA licence.

Qualification Structure

This qualification is made up of one mandatory units, the details of which are included at the end of this document. Learners must successfully complete the assessment for the unit to achieve the qualification.

Learning Hours

The SIA stipulate a minimum number of contact hours per unit. Contact hours are defined as time spent with a tutor or trainer, or during the assessment.

Unit	Unit Title	SIA Minimum Contact Hours
Unit 1:	Working as a Close Protection Operative	56
Unit 2:	Planning, Preparing and Supporting a Close Protection Operation	76
Unit 3:	Conflict Management within the Private Security Industry	8

How the qualification is assessed

This qualification is assessed in 3 parts.

Unit 1:

Working as a Close Protection Operative
25 questions, 40 minutes duration
Internally set and internally assessed Practical Tasks

Unit 2:

Planning, Preparing and Supporting a Close Protection Operation
30 questions, 45 minutes duration
Internally set and internally assessed Practical Tasks

Unit 3:

Conflict Management within the Private Security Industry
20 question, 30 minutes duration only

You will learn about the following:

Unit 1: Working as a Close Protection Operative

1. Understand the roles and responsibilities of a close protection operative
2. Understand basic surveillance, antisurveillance and counter-surveillance techniques
3. Understand legislation relevant to a close protection operative
4. Understand the importance of interpersonal skills within a close protection environment
5. Understand the importance of reconnaissance within a close protection environment
6. Understand search procedures within a close protection environment
7. Be able to establish and maintain secure environments
8. Know the importance of teamwork.
9. Know the importance of reconnaissance.
10. Know how to conduct close protection foot drills.
11. Know the importance of planning and selecting routes.
12. Know vehicle movement tactics and operations.
13. Know the search techniques and procedures for close protection operations.
14. Know how to apply conflict management techniques while providing close protection.

Unit 2: Planning, Preparing and Supporting a Close Protection Operation

1. Understand the importance of threat assessment, risk management and operational planning
2. Understand the importance of teamwork and operational briefing within a close protection environment
3. Understand close protection foot drills
4. Understand the importance of planning for route selection
5. Understand the importance of transport management within the close protection environment
6. Understand incident management within a close protection environment
7. Understand venue security operations
8. Be able to plan and prepare to carry out a close protection operation
9. Be able to provide close protection of a principal

Unit 3: Conflict Management within the Private Security Industry

1. Understand the principles of conflict management appropriate to their role
2. Understand how to recognise, assess and reduce risk in conflict situations
3. Understand how to communicate in emotive situations to de-escalate conflict
4. Understand how to develop and use problem solving strategies for resolving conflict
5. Understand good practice to follow after conflict situations



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