



SFJ Awards Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing
Qualification Number: 601/8126/6

Qualification content and structure

The Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing is suitable for those interested in a career in policing. Achieving the Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing will help prepare you for recruitment to the police service as a Police Constable. It gives you the knowledge of policing and police law required for the role, covering the essential learning contained in the National Policing Curriculum Pre-Join Curriculum.

The qualification consists of ten knowledge-based units covering the following areas, all of which must be completed:

- evidence-based preventative policing
- supporting victims, witnesses and vulnerable people
- managing conflict situations in policing
- using police powers to deal with suspects
- conducting police searches
- handling information and intelligence
- providing an initial response to policing incidents
- conducting priority and volume investigations
- interviewing victims and witnesses in relation to priority and volume investigations
- interviewing suspects in relation to priority and volume investigations

Comparison with other qualifications

The Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing is included in a suite of qualifications offered by SFJ Awards, aimed at different roles in policing. We also offer:

Level 3 Diploma for Police Community Support Officers

Level 3 Diploma in Policing (Police Constables)

Level 4 Certificate in Police First Line Management (Police Sergeants)

Level 5 Certificate in Police Management (Police Inspectors)

Progression from the Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing

The Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing supports progression to the roles of Special Constables, Police Community Support Officers and Police Constables. It can be used as evidence of the knowledge component of the Level 3 Diploma in Policing, which new Police Constables complete as part of the Initial Police Learning and Development Programme (IPLDP). The Level 3 Diploma in Policing is included on the Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Policing.

Organisations that support the Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing

The qualification is recognised by the College of Policing. Some police forces require achievement of a relevant qualification, normally the Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing, before you can start training to become a Police Constable.

Further information

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