



# Award in Emergency Response Driving High-Speed

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The introduction of Section 19 of the Road Safety Act (2006) to replace section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) covers exemptions from speed limits for emergency service vehicles and affects those working in the police, fire and ambulance services as well as authorised agencies. This qualification provides learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding required to drive a vehicle under emergency response conditions at high-speed.



**Total Qualification Time:**  
**80-120 hrs**

**Qualification Number:** 603/7603/X

**Qualification Age:** 18



**Guided Learning (GL):**  
**80-120 hrs**

**Availability:** This qualification is regulated in  
England and Wales

**Operational From:** 15 June 2021



# Qualification Objectives

## What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to drive a vehicle under emergency response conditions at high speed. The qualification structure allows learners to select the pathway which applies to the class of vehicle they are required to drive.

## Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at those working in the police, fire and ambulance services as well as authorised agencies who require to drive emergency service vehicles at high-speed.

## Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been developed with Emergency Response Driving Training (ERDT) Limited and is based on the Police System of Vehicle Control ("Roadcraft") and written in line with NFCC Emergency Response Driver Framework. The qualification meets the legal requirements of Section 19 of the Road Safety Act 2006 and standards of the draft Road Traffic (training courses at high speed) Training Regulations 2020.



# Qualification Progression

## What future education could this qualification lead to?

Following successful completion of the qualification, learners can progress to the Emergency Response Driving Instructor (ERDI) course.

## What future employment could this qualification lead to?

This qualification will permit the individual to drive a vehicle under emergency response conditions in exceed of speed limits.



# Qualification Achievement

## What are the entry requirements for the qualification?

Prior to registration learners are required to be:

- accurately identified
- at least 18 years of age
- must hold a full valid UK driving licence for the class of vehicle being driven
- must provide evidence that they have completed the centre's Emergency Response Driving E-Learning training package
- pre-read the Police System of Vehicle Control ("Roadcraft") manual, all relevant road traffic law and regulations, the Highway Code and their organisational policy regarding emergency response driving

## How will it be assessed?

The qualification structure allows learners to select the pathway which applies to the class of vehicle they are required to drive. Each pathway contains 3 mandatory units to be completed by the learner.

Each unit is comprised of a number of learning outcomes and assessment criteria which must all be achieved.

Learning outcomes that begin 'The learner will understand...' will be assessed through theory-based activities.

Learning outcomes that begin 'The learner will be able to...' are assessed through practical activities.

For example:

### Learning outcomes

The learner will...

1. Be able to carry out a daily vehicle safety inspection
2. Be able to carry out vehicle pre-use checks

### Assessment criteria

The learner will...

- 1.1 Carry out a daily vehicle safety inspection
- 1.2 Confirm the equipment required to be with the vehicle is present and in working order
- 2.1 Complete accurate documentation as required relating to the vehicle use
- 2.2 Perform a vehicle cockpit drill

## How is the qualification achieved?

This qualification is made up of 3 pathways.

The pathways available are:

1. Emergency Response Driving High-Speed – Class 2 ERD-LV Pathway
2. Emergency Response Driving High-Speed – Class 3 ERD-MV Pathway
3. Emergency Response Driving High-Speed – Class 4 ERD-HV Pathway

Learners must complete 3 mandatory units depending upon the vehicle pathway chosen.

## What will be assessed?

Portfolio of evidence.



# Qualification Delivery

## What facilities and/or equipment are needed to deliver this qualification?

The approved centre is required to have:

- one or more delivery sites with facilities to support the programme of training and assessment
- equipment in place to facilitate the full programme of learning and assessment

## What qualification materials support this qualification?

This qualification is supported by additional documents which must be read by all relevant personnel within approved centres approved to offer this qualification. These include:

- SFJ Awards Level 3 Award in Emergency Response Driving High-Speed Qualification Handbook, detailing unit specifications, learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the qualification
- SFJ Awards Centre Handbook
- SFJ Awards Assessment Guidance
- SFJ Awards Quality Assurance (Internal and External) Guidance

Our policies are available on the SFJ Awards website  
<https://sfjawards.com/policies/>.

SFJ Awards also have template forms available to support assessors and internal quality assurers.

## What workforce is needed to be able to deliver this qualification?

The approved centre is required to have a qualified and competent qualification workforce in place which includes as a minimum:

- Head of Centre
- Centre Coordinator
- Assessor(s) and Internal Quality Assurers (IQA) who:
  - Are occupationally knowledgeable
  - Have current occupational competence
- Assessors who are:
  - Qualified with a recognised assessor qualification, or
  - Working towards a recognised assessor qualification, or
  - Able to prove equivalent competence through training to appropriate national standards
- IQA(s) who are:
  - Qualified with a recognised IQA qualification, or
  - Working towards a recognised IQA qualification, or
  - Able to prove equivalent competence through training to appropriate national standards

How much does this qualification cost?

Qualification registration fees are available from SFJ Awards on request.

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## Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete 3 mandatory units to achieve the qualification

### Emergency Response Driving High-Speed – Class 2 ERD-LV Pathway

Unit title	Level	GL	Ofqual reference	Assessment method(s)
Demonstrate Advanced Driving Skills	3	28	A/618/7574	Portfolio of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple Choice Examination</li><li>• Question and Answer</li><li>• Practical Assessment/ Direct Observation</li></ul>
Class 2 Emergency Response Driving Car and Light Vehicle (ERD-LV)	3	4	L/618/7577	
Drive Vehicles at High-Speed under Emergency Response Conditions	3	88	H/618/7598	

### Emergency Response Driving High-Speed – Class 3 ERD-MV Pathway

Demonstrate Advanced Driving Skills	3	28	A/618/7574	Portfolio of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple Choice Examination</li><li>• Question and Answer</li><li>• Practical Assessment/ Direct Observation</li></ul>
Class 3 Emergency Response Driving Medium-sized Vehicle Cat-C1 (ERD-MV)	3	4	R/618/7578	
Drive Vehicles at High-Speed under Emergency Response Conditions	3	88	H/618/7598	

### Emergency Response Driving High-Speed – Class 4 ERD-HV Pathway

Demonstrate Advanced Driving Skills	3	28	A/618/7574	Portfolio of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple Choice Examination</li><li>• Question and Answer</li><li>• Practical Assessment/ Direct Observation</li></ul>
Class 4 Emergency Response Driving Heavy Vehicle Cat-C (ERD-HV)	3	4	L/618/7580	
Drive Vehicles at High-Speed under Emergency Response Conditions	3	48	H/618/7598	

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