



# Introduction to Fire Investigation

LEVEL  
2

This qualification is aimed at raising awareness of fire investigation amongst practitioners initially attending a fire scene and those who carry out Tier 1 Fire Investigations



**Total Qualification Time:**  
**20 hrs**

**Qualification Number:** 603/7763/X

**Qualification Age:** 18



**Guided Learning (GL):**  
**8 hrs**

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

**Operational From:** 1 August 2021



# Qualification Objectives

## What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to carry out Tier 1 fire investigations.

## Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at practitioners initially attending a fire scene, who are most likely to be Watch Managers, Crew Managers and Junior Scenes of Crime Officers.

## Who supports this qualification?

The qualification has been developed in collaboration with Fire and Rescue Services and organisations offering fire investigation training.



# Qualification Progression

## What future education could this qualification lead to?

Learners could progress to other qualifications in the fire and rescue sector or investigations. They could undergo further training to specialise in fire investigation, leading to the SFJ Awards Level 5 Certificate in Fire Investigation.

## What future employment could this qualification lead to?

This qualification equips learners to carry out Tier 1 fire investigations, which could be carried out by fire and rescue or police personnel. It could lead to employment in either of these services or investigation roles.



# 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

## How is the qualification achieved?

The learner will need to achieve one mandatory unit, which consists of four learning outcomes.

## What will be assessed?

The learner is assessed against the learning outcomes and assessment criteria and must provide evidence to meet all the criteria.

## How will it be assessed?

This qualification contains one mandatory unit 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:

<b>Learning outcomes</b> The learner will...	<b>Assessment criteria</b> The learner will...
1. Understand the principles and responsibilities of fire investigation	1.1 Describe why fire investigation is needed 1.2 Explain the two tiers of fire investigation and the agencies involved 1.3 Identify the legal requirements for a fire investigation that apply to your organisation 1.4 Describe the limits of own responsibility as a Tier 1 Fire Investigator 1.5 Describe the levels of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be worn by a Tier 1 Fire Investigator when carrying out their duties
2. Be able to investigate a fire within own level of responsibility	2.1 Identify the point of origin of a fire 2.2 Investigate the cause of a fire 2.3 Explain the development of a fire 2.4 Record information relating to a fire



# 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
- opportunities for learners to carry out tasks/activities which allow them to generate evidence to meet assessment criteria.

## 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 2 Award in Introduction to Fire Investigation 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 in fire investigation
  - Have current occupational competence in fire investigation
- 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.

## How to apply to deliver this qualification

SFJ Awards' approved centres should complete the Qualification Approval Form available from Odyssey or the Centre Resources section of the website:

[www.sfjawards.com/centres/centre-resources](http://www.sfjawards.com/centres/centre-resources)

Other centres will need to become approved by SFJ Awards. For information and the centre application form please see our website:

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# Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete one mandatory unit to achieve the qualification

Unit title	Level	GL	Reference	Assessment method(s)
Introduction to Fire Investigation	2	8	A/618/8076	Learners can be assessed through a combination of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• E-assessment</li><li>• Multiple Choice Examination</li><li>• Portfolio of Evidence</li><li>• Practical Demonstration / Assignment</li><li>• Written Examination</li></ul>

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