



# Breathing Apparatus Instruction

LEVEL  
3

This qualification aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of those who are instructing learners on the use of breathing apparatus



**Total Qualification Time:**  
**80 hrs**

**Qualification Number:** 600/7254/4

**Qualification Age:** 18



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

**Availability:** This qualification is regulated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

**Operational From:** 1 December 2012



# Qualification Objectives

## What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding of those who are instructing learners on the use of breathing apparatus.

## Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at individuals who teach learners how to use breathing apparatus equipment.

## Who supports this qualification?

The qualification was developed in collaboration with Skills for Justice and Fire and Rescue Services.



# Qualification Progression

## What future education could this qualification lead to?

Learners could progress to other qualifications in the fire and rescue sector or alternatively develop their skills to assess learners in the workplace.

## What future employment could this qualification lead to?

This qualification equips learners to instruct others in the use of breathing apparatus and therefore allows them to work as an instructor/trainer for fire and rescue services or organisations offering this training. It could lead to further training/assessing opportunities in the fire and rescue sector.



# 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
- proficient in the use of breathing apparatus

## How is the qualification achieved?

The learner will need to achieve two mandatory units.

## What will be assessed?

The learner is assessed against the learning outcomes and assessment criteria and must provide evidence to meet all the criteria. The learner's performance in the role will be assessed to confirm their competence.

## 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 use of a breathing apparatus (BA) set and ancillary equipment	1.1 Summarise the component features of the BA set and ancillary equipment 1.2 Explain the BA set and ancillary equipment in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• use</li><li>• limitations</li></ul> 1.3 Describe the operation of BA set and ancillary equipment 1.4 Explain the testing requirements for BA set and ancillary equipment
2. Be able to lead familiarisation with BA set and ancillary equipment	2.1 Explain features and purpose of BA set and ancillary equipment to learners 2.2 Demonstrate operation of BA set and ancillary equipment 2.3 Demonstrate procedure for checking condition and operational servicing of BA set and ancillary equipment



# 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 3 Award in Breathing Apparatus 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 breathing apparatus and ancillary equipment
  - Have current occupational competence in using breathing apparatus and ancillary equipment
- 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)
Knowledge of breathing apparatus instruction	3	30	F/504/5071	Learners can be assessed through a combination of:
Deliver instruction in the use of breathing apparatus	3	30	F/504/5166	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portfolio of Evidence</li><li>• Practical Demonstration / Assignment</li><li>• Practical Examination</li><li>• Written Examination</li></ul>

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