



# Using Breathing Apparatus in Fire and Rescue Responses

LEVEL  
3

This qualification is aimed at those working in the fire and rescue sector who use breathing apparatus



**Total Qualification Time:**  
**110 hrs**

**Qualification Number:** 603/7812/8

**Qualification Age:** 18



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

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

**Operational From:** 1 September 2021



# Qualification Objectives

What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to use breathing apparatus.

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at firefighters working in the fire and rescue sector using breathing apparatus.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification has been developed in collaboration with the fire and rescue sector.



# Qualification Progression

What future education could this qualification lead to?

Learners could progress to other qualifications in fire and rescue, for example the SFJ Awards Level 3 Award in Breathing Apparatus Instruction.

What future employment could this qualification lead to?

With further experience, learners could progress to train others in the use of breathing apparatus.



# 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
- working in a role which will allow demonstration of skills.

## How is the qualification achieved?

The learner will need to complete 5 mandatory units. This will include building portfolio of evidence to meet the assessment criteria.

## What will be assessed?

Portfolio of evidence and demonstration of skills either in the training environment or in the workplace.

## How will it be assessed?

This qualification contains 5 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:

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### Learning outcomes

The learner will...

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1. Understand the chemistry of combustion
2. Be able to exit the risk area as a member of BA team

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### Assessment criteria

The learner will...

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- 1.1 Explain the chemistry of combustion
- 1.2 Explain different types of combustion
- 1.3 Explain the processes and products of combustion
- 2.1 Monitor own BA pressure gauge to determine own withdrawal time and return to BA control before time of whistle with the team
- 2.2 Update the relevant persons of progress throughout exit of the risk area and checkout through the BA entry control with the team
- 2.3 Provide feedback to the BA entry control operative and relevant incident commander



# 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 in the workplace 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 Using Breathing Apparatus in Fire and Rescue Responses 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 the use of breathing apparatus
  - Have current occupational competence in using breathing apparatus
- 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 5 mandatory units to achieve the qualification

Unit title	Level	GL	Reference	Assessment method(s)
Understand how to use breathing apparatus for respiratory protection in risk areas	3	15	R/618/8276	Portfolio of Evidence
Work as a breathing apparatus team member	3	5	Y/618/8277	Portfolio of Evidence; Practical Demonstration / Assignment
Lead a breathing apparatus team	3	3	D/618/8278	Portfolio of Evidence; Practical Demonstration / Assignment
Carry out the duties of a breathing apparatus entry control operative	3	2	H/618/8279	Portfolio of Evidence; Practical Demonstration / Assignment
Use breathing apparatus to deal with hazardous substances and rescue response	3	5	Y/618/8280	Portfolio of Evidence; Practical Demonstration / Assignment

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