



Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services

**LEVELS
3, 4, 6, 7**

These qualifications are aimed at firefighters who wish to develop their knowledge and skills in incident command at initial, intermediate, advanced or strategic level.



Total Qualification Time:
55 - 65 hrs

Qualification Number: 610/0183/1, 610/0185/5, 610/0187/9,
610/0189/2

Qualification Age: 18



Guided Learning (GL):
40 - 50 hrs

Availability: These qualifications are regulated in
England and Wales

Operational From: 1 December 2021



Qualification Objectives

What does this qualification cover?

The objective of these qualifications is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to take command at a fire and rescue incident at initial, intermediate, advanced or strategic level.

These qualifications align with the NFCC Incident Command National Operational Guidance (NOG).

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at qualified firefighters who wish to take on the Incident Commander role or develop their skills further in incident command.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification has been developed in collaboration with Fire and Rescue Services, the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) and training providers in the sector.



Qualification Progression

What future education could this qualification lead to?

Following successful performance at incident command at a given level the learner can progress onto the next level award.

What future employment could this qualification lead to?

These qualifications provide learners with the knowledge and skills to take on the role of Incident Commander at the appropriate level.



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
- a qualified firefighter

How is the qualification achieved?

These awards each consist of one mandatory unit. The learner will need to complete the mandatory unit at the appropriate level.

What will be assessed?

The units contain the learning outcomes and the assessment criteria that the learner is to be assessed against.

All learning outcomes within the qualification will be assessed.

How will it be assessed?

Each 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:

Learning outcomes

The learner will...

1. Understand effective communication at operational incidents

2. Be able to review a response to an operational incident

Assessment criteria

The learner will...

1.1 Describe the lines of communication available at incidents in relation to an Incident Commander's span of control

1.2 Assess the impact of poor or inappropriate communication

1.3 Describe the methods of briefing crews at operational incidents

1.4 Describe the standard model for sectorisation used by the UKFRS at operational incidents

2.1 Conduct a post incident debrief

2.2 Measure performance against agreed standards relevant to defined roles

2.3 Identify opportunities to improve future personal, team and organisational performance

2.4 Record the review process



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 Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services Qualifications 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 incident command in fire and rescue services
 - Have current occupational competence in incident command in fire and rescue services
- 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

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

www.sfjawards.com/centres/become-a-centre

For more information please contact SFJ Awards' Customer Support Team:

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Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete one mandatory unit to achieve the qualification.

Qualification & unit title	Level	GL	Reference	Assessment method(s)
SFJ Awards Level 3 Award in Initial Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services Initial Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services	3	45	K/650/0811	All units can be assessed through a combination of the following methods but must include practical demonstration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portfolio of Evidence (including for example records of professional discussions, question and answer sessions, work products and expert witness testimony)
SFJ Awards Level 4 Award in Intermediate Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services Intermediate Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services	4	40	L/650/0812	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical Demonstration / Assignment• Practical Examination• Written Examination
SFJ Awards Level 6 Award in Advanced Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services Advanced Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services	6	50	M/650/0813	
SFJ Awards Level 7 Award in Strategic Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services Strategic Incident Command in Fire and Rescue Services	7	50	R/650/0814	

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