



Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry

LEVEL
3

This qualification is aimed at those wishing to work as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry.



Total Qualification Time:
235 hrs

Qualification Number: 610/0738/9

Qualification Age: 18



Guided Learning (GL):
194 hrs

Availability: This qualification is regulated in England and Wales

Operational From: 1 April 2022



Qualification Objectives

What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to work as a Close Protection Operative. Successful completion of this qualification enables learners to apply for an SIA licence to work as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry. As part of licence integration, this qualification will also allow the holder to apply for a licence as a Door Supervisor or Security Officer.

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at those wishing to work as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been developed to meet the training and licensing requirements of the SIA who regulate the sector under the terms of the Private Security Industry Act 2001.



Qualification Progression

What future employment could this qualification lead to?

Achievement of this qualification confirms the learner has gained the knowledge, skills and understanding required to work as a close protection operative. However, to be able to work as a close protection operative, learners must also successfully obtain an SIA licence.



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
- hold a current and valid Level 3 3-day First Aid qualification
- sufficiently competent in the use of England and/or Welsh language

How will it be assessed?

This qualification contains 7 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. Understand the roles and responsibilities of a close protection operative

2. Be able to search people, vehicles and venues

How is the qualification achieved?

The learner will need to complete 7 mandatory units.

Assessment criteria

The learner will...

1.1 State the purpose of close protection
1.2 State the purpose of close protection training and licensing

2.1 Demonstrate how to deal with unauthorised/ dangerous items
2.2 Carry out methodical and detailed searches on people, places and property

What will be assessed?

Assessment methods for the qualification include:

- Portfolio of evidence
- Multiple Choice Examination
- Practical assessment/demonstration



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

Please refer to the SFJ Awards Level 3 Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry Qualification Handbook for details regarding centre and delivery requirements.

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 Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry 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?

Please refer to the SFJ Awards Level 3 Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry Qualification Handbook for details regarding centre and delivery requirements.

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

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Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete 7 mandatory units to achieve the qualification

Unit title	Level	TQT	Reference	Assessment method(s)
Principles of Working as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry	3	75	M/650/2118	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Portfolio of evidenceMultiple Choice Examination
Working as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry	3	94	R/650/2119	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Practical assessment/demonstration
Application of Conflict Management in the Private Security Industry	2	13	M/618/6874	
Principles of Terror Threat Awareness in the Private Security Industry	2	3	F/618/6877	
Principles of Working as a Door Supervisor for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry	2	13	A/650/2120	
Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry	2	20	K/650/1270	
Application of Physical Intervention Skills in the Private Security Industry	2	17	T/618/6875	

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