



Certificate in Fire Investigation

LEVEL
5

This qualification is aimed at those who carry out Tier 2 fire investigations



Total Qualification Time:
220 hrs

Qualification Number: 603/4951/7

Qualification Age: 18



Guided Learning (GL):
50 hrs

Availability: This qualification is regulated in England and Wales

Operational From: 1 August 2019



Qualification Objectives

What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is work-based qualification and has been designed to accredit the knowledge and skills of learners who investigate, report and present evidence related to incidents involving fire and/or explosion.

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is aimed at those who carry out Tier 2 fire investigations.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification is linked to the [Approved Standard for Fire Investigation](#) and referenced in the [NFCC Competency Framework for Fire Investigation](#).



Qualification Progression

What future education could this qualification lead to?

This qualification creates a number of opportunities for progression from, and into, existing fire and rescue related qualifications. For example, learners may progress into more specialist fire investigation training (advanced fire and explosion, including terrorist, investigations).

What future employment could this qualification lead to?

Learners who complete this qualification will be able to as a Tier 2 fire investigator and may progress to a more specialist fire investigator role for advanced fire and explosion, including terrorist, investigations.



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
- learners must be experienced fire investigation practitioners

How is the qualification achieved?

The learner will need to complete 4 mandatory units.

What will be assessed?

All learning outcomes in this qualification must be assessed using appropriate methods:

- Portfolio of evidence, and
- Demonstration of skills either in the training environment or in the workplace.

How will it be assessed?

This qualification contains 4 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...	Assessment criteria The learner will...
1. Understand the requirements for providing evidence relating to fire investigations	1.1 explain the importance in keeping up to date in own field of expertise 1.2 explain how opinion is used in courts and hearings in relation to fire investigation 1.3 explain how to compile factual statements and reports for use in courts and hearings 1.4 explain the importance of presenting evidence in courts and hearings which is consistent with written materials provided
2. Be able to determine the nature and scope of the investigation	2.1 confirm the type, location, extent and circumstances of the incident 2.2 determine scene priorities in relation to the fire and/or explosion investigation 2.3 evaluate available information relevant to the incident 2.4 establish the need for the involvement of specialists and other agencies in the investigation



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 5 Certificate in 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 and on our website

<https://sfjawards.com/find-qualifications/about-our-qualifications/>

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 4 mandatory units to achieve the qualification

Unit title	Level	GL	Reference	Assessment method(s)
Report on the investigation of incidents involving fire and/or explosion	5	9	R/617/5818	All learning outcomes in this qualification must be assessed using a combination of appropriate methods:
Present evidence related to fire investigations in court and at other hearings	5	8	Y/617/5819	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coursework
Prepare to investigate an incident involving fire and/or explosion	5	10	J/617/5816	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-assessment• Multiple Choice Examination
Investigate an incident involving fire and/or explosion	5	23	L/617/5817	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portfolio of Evidence (including for example records of professional discussions, question and answer sessions, work products, witness testimony)• Practical Demonstration / Assignment• Written Examination

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