

HABC Level 3 Certificate for Working as a Close Protection Operative within the Private Security Industry (QCF).

Since 2012 changes have been made to all licence linked qualifications which take effect from **1st January 2015**. The introduction of the new qualifications comes after one of the largest ever reviews into learning in the sector was launched in the Spring of 2014, when the Security Industry Authority (SIA) announced it was evaluating their specifications for learning and qualifications.

Under the Private Security Act of 2001 all individuals wishing to work in the private security industry must hold a recognised qualification before applying for a licence. Individuals working in the private security industry must undergo a structured training programme, resulting in one of the recognised security qualifications. Applicants who do not hold a qualification endorsed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) may have their licence application refused. The SIA has developed a competency (skills) requirement. The aim of this is to create a more competent and professional workforce, which will in turn improve the public image of the private security industry and help make the sector more attractive to potential employees. The changes to the qualifications are the titles and also the content which has been updated to better reflect the industry's actual practices and experiences.

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This accredited qualification has been developed to meet the requirements of the Security Industry Authority (SIA). It is based on the relevant SIA 'Specifications for Learning and Qualifications for Close Protection Operatives' and provides the necessary skills and knowledge for those who wish to apply for an SIA licence and work as a close protection operative.

The qualification comprises three mandatory units:

Unit 1 – Working as a Close Protection Operative

Unit 2 – Planning, Preparing and Supporting a close Protection Operation

Unit 3 – Conflict Management within the Private Security Industry

The qualification comprises one mandatory unit: Working as a Close Protection Operative and includes the following elements:

Roles and responsibilities of the Close Protection Operative

- Threat assessment and risk management

- Surveillance techniques
- Venue security operations

New content included in the unit:

- Threat and risks to a principal;
- Types of threat and risk assessments and how a decision-making model could be used;
- UK Government threat levels;
- Importance of threat profiling principles and clients;
- Benefits of knowing and utilising other team members' abilities and skills;
- Difference between operational briefings and debriefings;
- Purpose of body protection of a principal and extracting a principal on foot;
- Advantages and disadvantages of using technological tools and of using non-electronic maps in route planning;
- Factors to be considered when planning and timing a route;
- Need for security during transit of a principal;
- Importance of selecting an appropriate mode of transport;
- Risks associated with different modes of transport;
- Purpose for contingency transport plans;
- Difference between an incident and a dilemma;
- Incidents that a close protection operative could encounter;
- Responsibilities of a close protection operative when dealing with an incident and how to manage an incident;
- The professional relationship between close protection operatives at a venue;
- Appropriate methods of communication for use at a venue;
- Importance of recognizing communication black spots within a venue;
- Benefits of in-house resources used to support venue security; and
- Managing an incident during a close protection operation.

Content which has been tweaked in the new unit compared to the previous unit:

- Conduct a team briefing, handover and debrief
- Complete a threat and risk assessment using a decision making model;
- Produce primary and secondary route plans using paper based and technology based resources;
- Use a flexible approach to protection while on foot; and
- Use a range of communication techniques while on foot.

Conflict Management Module

- Avoiding Conflict and Reducing Personal Risk
- Defusing Conflict
- Resolving and Learning from Conflict

- Application of Communication Skills and Conflict Management for Security Guarding and Close Protection

Our course focus is:

Introduction to Close Protection:

- Roles and Responsibilities of the CPO
- Protocol and Client liaison
- Threat Categories Risk Assessment
- Security Surveys Legislation,
- Civil and Criminal Law
- Conflict Management
- Defensive Driving
- Road craft Convoy Procedures
- Operational Planning
- Report Writing
- Route Recces
- Counter Surveillance
- Vehicle and Venue Searches (with and without ECM equipment)
- CP Foot Drills
- Embus and Debus Drills
- Hostile Environment Training
- Anti Ambush Drills
- Residential Sec

Assessment: The qualification is assessed by a Portfolio of evidence, practical tasks & multiple choice examinations.

Duration: 14 days.