

HIGHFIELD LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE FOR CLOSE PROTECTION OPERATIVES IN THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY (QCF)

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.

Under the Private Security Industry Authority Act 2001, all individuals wishing to work in the private security industry must undertake a recognised qualification before applying for a licence.

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 OF SEVEN MANDATORY UNITS:

Unit 1 –Principles of Working as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry

Unit 2 – Working as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry

Unit 3 – Application of conflict management in the private security industry

Unit 4 - Principles of Terror Threat Awareness in the Private Security Industry

Unit 5 –Principles of Working as a Door Supervisor for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry

Unit 6 –Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry

Unit 7 - Application of physical intervention skills in the private security industry

Unit 1 –Principles of Working as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry

- 1. Understand the roles and responsibilities of a close protection operative**
- 2. Understand current law and legislation within a close protection context**
- 3. Understand the importance of threat and risk assessment**
- 4. Understand the importance of threat and risk assessment**
- 5. Understand personal and professional skills within a close protection environment**
- 6. Understand the importance of teamwork within a close protection environment**
- 7. Understand surveillance, anti-surveillance and counter-surveillance methods**
- 8. Understand search procedures within a close protection operation for people, vehicles and buildings/venues**
- 9. Understand close protection foot drills**
- 10. Understand venue security operations and requirements**
- 11. Understand the importance of planning, route selection and additional licence considerations**
- 12. Understand reconnaissance within a close protection environment**
- 13. Understand the importance of operational planning**

Unit 2 – Working as a Close Protection Operative in the Private Security Industry

- 1. Undertake a dynamic risk assessment**
- 2. Demonstrate use of surveillance, anti-surveillance and counter surveillance**
- 3. Be able to search people, vehicles and venues**
- 4. Demonstrate close protection foot drills**
- 5. Be able to demonstrate venue security skills**
- 6. Be able to manage transport arrangements within a close protection environment.**
- 7. Be able to prepare and carry out a close protection assignment**
- 8. Be able to deal with a range of incidents within a close protection environment**

Unit 3 – Application of conflict management in the private security industry

- 1. Understand the principles of conflict management appropriate to the role**
- 2. Understand how to recognise, assess and reduce risk in conflict situations**
- 3. Understand the use of problem-solving techniques when resolving conflict**
- 4. Be able to communicate to de-escalate conflict**

Unit 4 - Principles of Terror Threat Awareness in the Private Security Industry

- 1. Understand terror threats and the role of the security operative in the event of a threat**

Unit 5 – Principles of Working as a Door Supervisor for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry

- 1. Understand how to keep vulnerable people safe**
- 2. Understand licensing law relevant to the role of a door supervisor**
- 3. Understand queue management and venue capacity responsibilities relevant to a door supervisor**

Unit 6 –Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry

- 1. Understand the requirements of providing clear and concise instructions to the principal and team members in emergency situations**
- 2. Know how to respond to a change in operational conditions from standard operating procedure (SOP) to emergency operating procedure (EOP)**
- 3. Know the responsibilities of the close protection team when there is an immediate physical threat to the principal**
- 4. Understand the necessity for narrowing the concentric layers of protection when managing an immediate threat to the principal**
- 5. Understand the implications of common and criminal law when using force on another person**
- 6. Know the positive alternatives to using physical intervention skills in a close protection environment**
- 7. Understand associated threats as a result of an attempted assault or unwarranted attention towards a principal**
- 8. Know how to apply physical intervention skills in a justifiable, ethical, and professional manner**
- 9. Be able to use non-pain compliant soft skills to prevent harm to a principal**
- 10. Be able to use defensive non-pain compliant skills to protect self from assault**
- 11. Be able to use non-pain compliant methods of protecting the inner cordon**
- 12. Be able to protect the principal from assault**
- 13. Be able to communicate effectively to encourage de-escalation**

Unit 7 - Application of physical intervention skills in the private security industry

- 1. Understand physical interventions and the implications of their use**
- 2. Understand the risks associated with using physical intervention**
- 3. Understand how to reduce the risks associated with physical intervention**
- 4. Be able to use physical skills to protect yourself and others**

5. Be able to use non-pain compliant standing, holding and escorting techniques

ALL LEARNERS MUS SHOW EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE 2 ACT (ANTI COUNTER TERRORISM)

CERTIIFICATES (click onto: ct.highfieldlearning.com) on completion of both, print your full name and download the certificates and bring them or the Pdf with you.

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

Duration: 18 days (without the First Aid Qualification 21 days)

COST OF 18 Days CLOSE PROTECTION COURSE : £1,250 (*Without the First Aid Qualification*)

COST OF 21 Days CLOSE PROTECTION COURSE: £1,400 (*Including the First Aid Qualification*)