

Learner overview

NCFE Level 3 Introductory Certificate in Policing (603/5032/5)

Qualification content, structure and outcomes

This qualification aims to provide you with an understanding of the principles of the police service and will allow you to explore various areas of work within it. You will develop transferable skills that can be used in the workplace or applied in further study. These include: leadership skills, conflict management, teamwork, navigation, physical fitness, an understanding of personal commitment and equality, diversity and inclusion.

The main objective of the qualification is to allow learners to progress towards the entry requirements of the police service or further study. Its aim is to provide informed and prepared potential recruits.

The qualification has been developed with subject experts to ensure that the content is relevant and meets the needs of employers.

This qualification has 180 guided learning hours. You will need to complete 1 mandatory unit:

- Prepare for a career in the police service

You will also choose 2 optional units depending on your own interests or your career goals. The optional units cover the following subject areas:

- Develop leadership skills
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Preparation for Higher Education
- Develop aspects of physical fitness for entry to the police service
- Values and standards in the police service
- Carry out map reading and navigation across open country
- Understand conflict management and personal protection
- The influence of UK government, international organisations and the media on the police service
- Collaboration between the emergency services
- Emergency planning and response in the police service
- Understand the impact of war and conflict on the police service
- Understanding discipline in the police service
- UK legal systems and the police service
- Crime scene investigation
- ICT in the police service
- Volunteering in the police service
- Safeguarding and the Prevent Duty
- The development of the UK police service
- Neighbourhood policing
- Dealing with emergency incidents
- Understanding mental health

Similar qualifications

This qualification is part of a suite. The other qualifications are:

NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Policing (603/5036/2)

This qualification has 360 guided learning hours. You would need to take 3 mandatory units and 3 optional units to develop the core knowledge, understanding and skills required to work in the police service.

NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Policing (540) (603/5038/6)

This qualification has 540 guided learning hours. You would need to take 3 mandatory units and 6 optional units to provide you with in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills of core aspects that is required for employment within the police service

NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Policing (720) (603/5040/4)

This qualification has 720 guided learning hours. You would need to take 3 mandatory units and 9 optional units to develop in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills required for employment within the police service

NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Policing (603/5041/6)

This qualification has 1080 guided learning hours. You would need to take 4 mandatory units and 14 optional units to develop in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills required for employment within the police service or to undertake higher-level studies.

A number of the units in this qualification have been contextualised from our existing suite of Uniformed Services qualifications. Those qualifications would provide a more generic route into a career in uniformed services.

Other ways you could achieve the same outcome

This qualification is available through other Awarding Organisations. Please check the Register of Regulated Qualifications (<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/>).

Funding will not be available so you will need to apply for a loan to support you through this qualification. This qualification is not available as part of an Apprenticeship.

How this qualification supports the identified outcome

The main outcome of this qualification is progression to employment as it helps you develop knowledge, understanding and skills required to apply for entry to the policy service. It can also support you in further study.

There is a wide range of job roles available in the police service. After a probationary period, you could explore areas such as the Fraud Squad, dog handling, child protection or firearms. It offers a lot of opportunities for career progression.

Learners who achieve these qualifications could progress to:

- Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing
- Policing foundation degree
- Public Service foundation degree
- Higher apprenticeship
- BA in Public Services
- Professional Policing
- Criminology and Policing
- Criminal Justice

They may also be useful to learners studying qualifications in the following sectors/areas:

- management
- public services
- local or national government
- justice
- security

Support for this qualification

This qualification is supported by subject experts and has been endorsed by Northumbria Police

UCAS points

This qualification has been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up-to-date information.

It can therefore be used to support an application to Higher Education as it would provide evidence for a personal statement to enable mature students to enter Higher Education.