



Purpose statement

**NCFE Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed
Services
QN: 601/2456/8**

Qualification overview

The purpose of this qualification is to provide an insight into the uniformed services as a potential area for employment. It aims to inform and prepare you as a potential recruit for a variety of uniformed services such as the:

- army
- navy
- RAF
- prison service
- fire and rescue service
- police.

This qualification may be taken as a full or part time course and will develop your skills and personal qualities in preparation for all areas of employment.

This qualification fits with the current structure of Study Programmes which advise that all programmes of study must contain a substantial qualification. This qualification could be taken alongside English, maths, and work experience if you're between 16 and 19 years old.

This qualification is also suitable for adult learners interested in a career in the uniformed service, and for those between 14 and 16 years old as part of an initial vocational training programme to develop your knowledge so you can progress onto further learning in a range of sectors.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is ideal for you if you're either a part or full time learner interested in a career within the uniformed services.

Age restrictions

You need to be at least 14 years old to take this qualification. Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

Entry requirements

You don't need to have any specific prior learning requirements to take this qualification but you may find it helpful if you've already achieved a Level 1 qualification.

Qualification content

The primary purpose of this qualification is to prepare you to enter employment in the Uniformed Services sector. We've developed this qualification to give you a good insight into the practical activities which the uniformed services require. The choice of units offered at this Level lets you demonstrate a variety of necessary skills that employers are seeking.

It may be possible for your centre to include a wider range of uniformed services such as the:

- ambulance service
- coastguard
- and other public uniformed services relevant to your local area.

This qualification contains **7** mandatory units and **5** optional units.

Mandatory units

- Unit 01 Investigate employment in the uniformed services (5 credits)
- Unit 02 Physical fitness for the uniformed services (6 credits)
- Unit 03 Develop team working and problem solving skills (6 credits)
- Unit 04 Health and safety in the uniformed services (5 credits)
- Unit 05 Health and hygiene in the uniformed services (3 credits)
- Unit 06 Follow uniformed service routine (6 credits)
- Unit 07 Exploring equality and diversity for the uniformed services (4 credits)

Optional units

Please see the 'Unit breakdown' tab on the qualification page on the NCFE website which lists the optional units available for you to choose from.

What type of qualification is this?

This is a vocationally related qualification with 370 guided learning hours. Within this time can expect to be involved in formal learning activities which could include Tutor-led classes or tutorials and supervised practical activities.

100 per cent of this qualification focuses on the specific basic skills and underpinning knowledge to help you progress into one of the uniformed services.

This is a standalone qualification and is not part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

Progression opportunities

Successful completion of the qualification could lead to employment in a number of job roles in the uniformed services, which could include:

- adult instructor in the army cadet force
- adult leader and senior management in the army cadet force
- army vehicle mechanic/electrician
- army metalsmith (welder fabricator)
- army technical store person
- army officer (junior education course)
- military intelligence
- physical training instructor
- vehicle commander (in charge of a crew of 3)

The above list doesn't include all potential job opportunities.

Similar qualifications

NCFE also offers the Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (501/1179/6) in addition to this qualification. The content is similar to this qualification but doesn't include the knowledge and understanding included in this new qualification that will support the practical aspects of the qualification.

This is a graded qualification which gives the opportunity for your work to be awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction, or Distinction* grade based on the standard of your completed work.

Support for this qualification

The qualification is supported by employers from the Uniformed Services sector.

For further information about these employers please contact NCFE on 0191 239 8000 or email us at customersupport@ncfe.org.uk.