

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Level 3 Award for the Independent Sexual Violence Adviser		
Qualification number (QN)	610/7532/2		
Total qualification time (TQT)	72 hours	Guided learning hours (GLH)	64 hours
Entry requirements	Learners must be at least 18 years of age.		

About this qualification

This qualification supports progression towards a role as an independent sexual violence adviser (ISVA). However, achieving this qualification alone does not fully qualify or prepare a learner to practise as an ISVA. It is expected that to be considered fully qualified and ready for independent practice, learners must complete additional relevant employer training and gain supervised practical experience.

Learners will develop an understanding of the role of the ISVA, trauma-informed and victim-centred practice, safeguarding, risk assessment, referral pathways into and out of ISVA services, and the criminal justice process in relation to supporting victims of sexual violence.

The qualification also supports learners to develop the practical and professional skills required to provide appropriate support within multi-agency environments.

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve 6 units from the mandatory units.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 The role and principles of an independent sexual violence adviser (ISVA) (M/652/1857)
Unit 02 Understanding sexual violence and trauma-informed approaches when providing support (D/652/1860)
Unit 03 Assessing risk and support needs when supporting victims of sexual violence (F/652/1861)
Unit 04 Safeguarding in independent sexual violence adviser (ISVA) practice (H/652/1862)
Unit 05 Understanding the criminal justice process and legal frameworks in sexual violence cases (J/652/1863)
Unit 06 Referral pathways and service provision when supporting victims of sexual violence (K/652/1864)

Assessment

Internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment:
 - ISVA roles
 - senior/specialist ISVA
 - ISVA management
- further education:
 - safeguarding
 - trauma-informed practice
 - risk assessment
 - leadership and management
- higher education:
 - social work
 - criminology
 - psychology
 - counselling
 - domestic and sexual violence, or related fields.



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