

Learner overview

NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (720) (601/8793/1)

Qualification content, structure and outcomes

This qualification aims to provide you with the specialist knowledge, skills and understanding relating to the uniformed services in areas such as preparing for a career, leadership skills, physical fitness and equality, diversity and inclusion, which can be applied to current or future employment in a variety of roles. The content has been developed with employers, subject experts and Tutors to ensure that it's relevant to the real world and meets the need of employers.

This qualification is designed as part of a 2 year programme, usually in combination with other qualifications to support your aspirations. This qualification will also support you to progress into higher education, ultimately leading you into employment.

It could be combined with other qualifications and would support progression into an Apprenticeship, employment or into higher level studies, as it has UCAS points.

This qualification has 720 guided learning hours. You'll complete 4 mandatory units:

- Prepare for a career in a chosen uniformed service
- Develop aspects of physical fitness for entry to the uniformed services
- Develop leadership skills
- Equality, diversity and inclusion

You'll also choose 8 optional units to complete, depending on your personal interests or career aspirations. The optional units cover subjects such as:

- Uniformed services hierarchy routine
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Carry out map reading and navigation across open country
- Emergency planning and response in the uniformed services
- Understand the impact of war and conflict on uniformed services
- Outdoor and adventurous expeditions
- UK legal systems and uniformed services
- Crime scene investigation
- Security procedures in the uniformed services

Similar qualifications

This qualification is part of a suite, each of which has the same content, but which are of different sizes, allowing you to choose from a wide range of optional units according to the specific service in which you are interested. All the qualifications would enable you to apply for employment in the uniformed services or continue with further studies. The other qualifications are listed below:

NCFE Level 3 Introductory Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services (601/8790/6)

This qualification has 180 guided learning hours. You would be required to take 1 mandatory unit and 2 optional units to provide an introduction to the uniformed services sector.

NCFE Level 3 Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services (601/8791/8)

This qualification has 360 guided learning hours. You would take 4 mandatory units and 2 optional units to develop the core knowledge, understanding and skills required to work in the uniformed services.

NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (540) (601/8792/X)

This qualification has 540 guided learning hours. You would take 4 mandatory units and 5 optional units to develop in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills of core aspects of a range of uniformed services, whilst allowing you to identify your specialist interest.

NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (601/8794/3)

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

Other ways you could achieve the same outcome

Similar qualifications are 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 outcomes of this qualification are progression to employment as it enables you to develop an in-depth knowledge, understanding and skills required to work in the uniformed services; however it can also lead onto further learning.

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.