

Learner overview

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

Qualification content, structure and outcomes

This qualification aims to provide you with general knowledge and interpersonal skills over a short period of time to aid your recruitment into the uniformed services. The qualification provides you with an introduction to the career opportunities in the uniformed services as well as providing optional units to enhance your knowledge and skills. 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.

The qualification provides the basis for you to progress into the uniformed services when supported by relevant qualifications at level 2, such as GCSE English and mathematics, and/or at level 3, such as A' levels.

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 180 guided learning hours. You'll complete one mandatory unit:

- Prepare for a career in a chosen uniformed service

You'll also choose 2 optional units to complete, depending on your personal interest or career aspirations. The optional units cover subjects such as:

- Develop aspects of physical fitness for entry to the uniformed services
- Develop leadership skills
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Uniformed services hierarchy routine
- Values and standards
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Carry out map reading and navigation across open country
- Telecommunications in the uniformed services
- Understand conflict management and personal protection
- Understanding discipline in the uniformed services
- UK legal systems and uniformed services
- Crime scene investigation
- Security procedures in the uniformed services

Similar qualifications

This qualification is part of a suite, which each contain the same content, but are 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:

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.

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.

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

This qualification has 720 guided learning hours. You would take 4 mandatory units and 8 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.

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

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 allows you to develop further skills, knowledge and understanding required for working 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.