

## Learner overview

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

#### **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 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 has 1080 guided learning hours (GLH), and the total qualification time is 1430. It could be combined with other qualifications and is also appropriate if you are ready to start an element of level 3 vocational study while completing aspects of level 2.

The qualification is particularly appropriate if you have an interest in progressing to a career in the uniformed services, but also aids progression into an apprenticeship or into higher level studies.

You'll complete 4 mandatory units then choose 14 optional units to complete, depending on your personal interest or career aspirations.

#### **Mandatory**

- Prepare for a career in a chosen uniformed service – Y/508/4054
- Develop aspects of physical fitness for entry to the uniformed services – D/508/4055
- Develop leadership skills – H/508/4056
- Equality, diversity and inclusion – K/508/4057

#### **Optional**

There are 21 optional units.

For more information on these units please visit the NCFE website.

#### **Similar qualifications**

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

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

This qualification is 180 GLH. The qualification provides an introduction to the career opportunities in the uniformed services as well as providing optional units to enhance your knowledge and skills. This qualification would suit you if you are looking to develop general knowledge and interpersonal skills over a short period of time to aid recruitment into the uniformed services. The qualification also holds UCAS points. To be awarded the NCFE Level 3 Introductory Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services you are required to successfully complete 1 mandatory unit and 2 optional units.

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

This qualification is 360 GLH. The qualification is for learners who are looking to develop general knowledge and interpersonal skills to aid recruitment into the uniformed services. The qualification also holds UCAS points and therefore can support with progression into higher education, ultimately leading into employment. To be awarded the NCFE Level 3 Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services, you are required to successfully complete 4 mandatory units and 2 optional units.

### **Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (601/8792/X)**

This qualification is 540 GLH. This qualification would suit you if you are looking to develop your general knowledge and interpersonal skills over a one year course to aid recruitment into the uniformed services, of which the selection process may be over a year. This qualification will also help you if you want to progress into higher education, as it holds UCAS points, ultimately leading you into employment. To be awarded the NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (540), you are required to successfully complete 4 mandatory units and 5 optional units.

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

This qualification is 720 GLH. This qualification would suit you if you want to progress to employment in the uniformed services. This is also helped by doing other qualifications alongside the core uniformed services qualification. This qualification also holds UCAS points meaning it will also support you if you want to progress into higher education, ultimately leading you into employment. To be awarded the NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (720), you are required to successfully complete 4 mandatory units and 8 optional units.

### **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/>).

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**

This qualification supports progression to employment or further learning.

### **Progression Opportunities**

Typically, if you complete this qualification you can progress on to a number of further learning opportunities, such as:

- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Outdoor Programmes
- Level 3 Diploma in Operational Delivery (Advanced)
- Level 3 Certificate in Knowledge of Policing
- Public Service foundation degree
- Higher apprenticeships
- BA in Public Services

### **Support for this qualification**

This qualification is supported by employers from the uniformed services industry. They include 207 Field Hospital, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Army Cadet Force and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Services. Advice on content has been provided by TyneMet College, Duchy College, Kingston College and City of Sunderland College and Ashfield School, all of whom are listed on the Register of Training Organisations and who have current contracts for delivery of provision in uniformed services.

Duchy College, which is HEFCE funded, has supported these qualifications and nominated them for UCAS points.

### **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.