

The Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Close Protection Operations

Course Details

The course is designed to provide training for those in the security sector specialising in close protection, and the opportunity for Close Protection to achieve a nationally recognised Level 3 vocationally specific qualification.

It demonstrates that a candidate has displayed the knowledge, understanding and skills learners need to apply for a licence to practice from the Security Industry Authority

It allows opportunities for learners to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in working life.

Who is the qualification for?

- New entrants to the security industry in the Close Protection industry.
- Current Close Protection Operatives who require training or who wish to obtain a nationally recognised Level 3 vocational qualification.

Prerequisite experience / education

Before an applicant will be accepted for a BTEC Level 3 course, an assessment is made of the qualifications and/or experience held by applicants, considering whether this profile shows an ability to progress to a Level 3 qualification. For learners who have recently been in education, the profile is likely to include one of the following:

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- a BTEC First or BTEC National in Public Services or related Short Courses eg BTEC
- Award in Security Operations or BTEC Award in Door Supervision
- a standard of literacy and numeracy supported by a general education equivalent to GCSEs at grade A*–C
- related work experience
- other related NVQs eg NVQ in Providing Security Services.

Course Content

The Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Close Protection Operations is a 150-hour qualification consisting of five units of 30 hours each.

To achieve the whole qualification, a learner must successfully complete all units.

- Skills and Teamwork in Close Protection
- Legislation, Communications and Conflict Management Skills in Close Protection
- Risk Assessment, Operational Planning and Safe Route Selection
- Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Incidents and Dilemmas
- Techniques for Close Protection Operatives

Learning Outcomes

Unit One: Skills and Teamwork in Close Protection

At the end of the unit, the candidate should:

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of the Close Protection Operative
- Understand the importance of interpersonal skills within the close protection environment
- Understand the importance of close protection teamwork.

Unit 2: Legislation, Communications and Conflict Management Skills in Close Protection

At the end of the unit, the candidate should:

- Understand the impact of law and legislation on close protection
- Understand the relationship between Close Protection Operatives and official agencies
- Understand the need for communication and conflict management
- Be able to use communication and conflict management skills.

Unit 3: Risk Assessment, Operational Planning and Safe Route Selection

At the end of the unit, the candidate should:

- Understand threat assessment and risk management
- Be able to use operational planning skills
- Know about route selection.

Unit 4: Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Incidents and Dilemmas

At the end of the unit, the candidate should:

- Be able to demonstrate surveillance, counter-surveillance and anti-surveillance methods and skills
- Be able to carry out reconnaissance
- Be able to deal with incidents and dilemmas within close protection.

Unit 5: Techniques for Close Protection Operatives

At the end of the unit, the candidate should:

- Be able to use close protection foot techniques
- Be able to use close protection vehicle techniques
- Be able to use correct search procedures
- Understand venue-based security.

Assessment

The overall grading for the Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Close Protection Operations is a pass, based upon the successful completion of all units.

In order to achieve a pass for the Level 3 BTEC Certificate in Close Protection Operations learners must achieve:

- a pass in an externally set and externally marked multiple-choice test
- a pass for an internally set and internally assessed portfolio, which includes a practical assessment.

These two assessments, taken together, will cover **all** the criteria of **all** five units.