



Purpose statement

**NCFE Level 1 Diploma for Entry to the
Uniformed Services
QN: 601/2457/X**

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Who is this qualification for?

The Level 1 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services is designed to provide an insight into the uniformed services as a potential area for employment. It aims to inform and prepare you as a potential recruit for a variety of uniformed services such as the:

- army
- navy
- RAF
- prison service
- fire and rescue service
- police.

The Level 1 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services complements GCSE qualifications. It is aimed at 14 to 16 year olds studying the Key Stage 4 curriculum who are interested in the industry. It is equivalent to GCSE grades A*-C/D-G.

This qualification focuses on an applied study of the uniformed services sector and learners will gain a broad knowledge and understanding of working in the sector.

The qualification has been designed to sit alongside the requirements of core GCSE subjects. It is appropriate for learners who are motivated and challenged by learning through hands-on experiences and through content which is concrete and related directly to those experiences.

This Level 1 qualification is appropriate for learners looking for an introduction to the skills, knowledge and qualities needed in the uniformed services sector

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

This qualification shows learners how to:

- develop a broad understanding of the uniformed services sector
- investigate employment opportunities
- develop well-being, physical fitness and self-discipline
- develop team-working skills
- understand health and safety
- carry out map reading and navigation (optional unit)
- explore volunteering and volunteering opportunities (optional unit)
- participate in competitive sport (optional unit)
- participate in adventurous activity (optional unit).

What knowledge and skills will the learner develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

Learners will develop the following knowledge and skills:

- in team work
- in communication
- that are essential for the modern workplace, such as appreciation of appropriate behaviour and dress; personal manners and deportment; communicating with professional colleagues; independent working; a positive attitude to work

Successful completion of this qualification will enable learners to progress to Level 2 qualifications in related subjects.

The knowledge and skills gained will provide an introduction to those required for careers in the uniformed services such as:

- trainee firefighter
- adult instructor in the army cadet force
- map reading instructor in the army cadet force
- army vehicle mechanic/electrician
- army metalsmith (welder fabricator)
- technical store person in the army
- army officer
- yeomanry soldier
- basic signaller.

Which subjects will complement this course?

The following subject areas will complement this course:

- Maths
- English
- Geography
- Sport Studies
- Information and Communication Technology

Progression opportunities - what could this qualification lead to?

Depending on the grade the learner achieves in this qualification, they could progress onto Level 2 qualifications and/or GCSEs.

Learners who achieve at Level 1 might consider progression to Level 2 qualifications post-16 such as:

- NCFE Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services
- NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Outdoor Activity Leadership
- NCFE Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading
- NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Sport
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Public Services – Operational Delivery (Uniformed)

Learners could also progress into employment or onto an apprenticeship.

The understanding and skills gained through this qualification could be useful to progress onto an apprenticeship in the uniformed services sector through a variety of occupations which are available within the sector such as those listed above.

Further information

For more information about the Level 1 Diploma in Entry to the Uniformed Services (601/2457/X) please see the support materials tab on the qualification page on the NCFE website.