

Fact Sheet

Apprenticeship/Foundation Modern Apprenticeship in Providing Security Services

Sector Overview

Given the current security climate and the heightened threat from terrorism and the build up to the 2012 Olympics/Paralympics, the sector is growing by approximately 6-8% per year and this trend is predicted to continue for the foreseeable future. Indeed London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) have assessed that the Games will require an additional 15,000 security staff and around 80,000 staff trained in security awareness above the predicted growth of the sector. In addition there is an identified need for technicians to install and maintain CCTV, access control and search equipment.

What's involved?

An apprentice can expect to be doing work based learning with an employer and to be paid a wage. The apprenticeship will include a competence based qualification, Key Skills in communication, application of number and IT and a knowledge based qualification/technical certificate as listed below.

Level 2 - Competence Based Element
Edexcel NVQ in Providing Security Services

Level 2- Knowledge Based Element Key Skills
Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Award in Security Operations

Key Skills

Communication - 1

Application of Number -1

IT - 1

The decision on which competence based and knowledge elements will be studied will be made by the employer and/or training provider in discussion with the apprentice.

Entry requirements:

Aspects of the Private Security Industry are regulated by the SIA and its authority is derived from the Private Security Industry Act 2001. The regulation requires that any individual carrying out activity that is covered by the Private Security Industry Act 2001 must be licensed to do so by the SIA. In order to get this licence there are certain criteria that must be met, amongst them are the applicant; must be over 18, undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check, be legally allowed to live and work in the country and meet the minimum training standards for their chosen sector. Additionally, employers may also require that they meet the industry vetting standards based on BS7858

There are no required academic pre-entry requirements.

Minimum Periods of Training:

It is expected that apprentices/foundation modern apprentices will complete all elements of their programme in 12-18 months

What type of job might an apprentice be doing?

Security guard (static and/or patrol), community warden, uniformed security guards in retail environments e.g. shopping malls, department stores



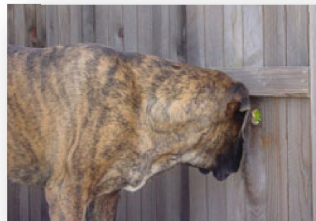
How long does the apprenticeship take to complete?
12-18 months

Career progression after completing this apprenticeship
Apprentices successfully completing their Apprenticeship/Foundation Modern Apprenticeship may progress in the following ways:

- Maintain full time employment in occupations such as:
 - Security guard (static and/or patrol)
 - Community warden
 - uniformed security guards in retail environments e.g. shopping malls, department stores etc
 - Door Supervisors (licensable)
 - Cash and valuables in transit (licensable)
 - Public Space Surveillance (CCTV) (licensable)
 - Vehicle immobiliser (licensable)
- Progression into training/teaching e.g. as an 'in company' training officer or FE lecturer, providers of 'conflict management' training etc
- Undertake further training to enable them to move into Level 3 occupations such as:
 - Close protection
 - Security key-holder and alarm response
- Study for supervisory and management qualifications that will enable them to take up more senior positions within the sector such as team leaders
- Progress to higher level courses of study e.g.
 - Foundation degrees in subjects such as:
 - Security and risk management
 - Crowd and safety management
 - Protective security management
 - Honours degrees in subjects such as Criminology and security studies.

It may be possible after further development and gaining required qualifications to move into areas such as community safety, criminology, events management etc.

If you are a possible employer requiring further information on the programme or if you are a potential apprentice looking for start opportunities please contact Cath at our offices on :-



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