

# Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Award in Physical Intervention Skills

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## BTEC

### About the Qualification

The Level 2 BTEC Award in Physical Intervention Skills is currently under development. Edexcel plans to seek QCA accreditation for the qualification in late 2007 and, if accredited, for it to be available to centres in early 2008.

### Who is this BTEC for?

The BTEC Award is intended for anyone who may need to use physical intervention skills and will be particularly suitable for those people working:

- in the protective and security industries, (door supervisors, static and patrolling security guards, court security officers, close protection officers)
- in the NHS, (Ambulance service staff, A&E staff, security staff, nurses working with disturbed patients)
- with children in secure establishments, (young offenders institutions) or in children's residential homes (care homes)
- with adults who have 'challenging behaviour', (day care centres, residential care homes)
- in schools, including special needs schools, teachers and nominated teaching assistants

### Aims of the qualification

The Level 2 BTEC Award in Physical Intervention Skills is designed to provide:

- broader and enhanced skills for those people in job roles where they regularly manage conflict and who require training in physical intervention
- continuing professional development opportunities for conflict professionals
- a specific focus for those working in the security industry who need further training following completion of the licence to practise qualifications
- a specific focus for those working with children and vulnerable adults

- opportunities for learners to gain a nationally recognised qualification and to develop skills transferable into a range of differing work roles and environments.

Additionally, it provides commissioning agencies, whose risk assessment has identified the delivery of formal training as a priority and primary risk control measure, with an externally verified qualification.

### About the course

Either Unit 1	The law for physical intervention and associated risk factors for people working with children and vulnerable adults (10 hours)
or Unit 2	The law for physical intervention and associated risk factors for people working in the security industry (10 hours)
Unit 3	Least restrictive methods of physical intervention (10 hours)
Unit 4	Restrictive methods of physical intervention (10 hours)

The course comprises four units, with learners selecting either unit 1 or unit 2 to provide a total of three units to achieve the qualification.

Employers, training providers and colleges can run the 30 hour course over a week or deliver it in one or two day blocks.

## Benefits of the course

Learners will develop an understanding of:

- the legal position as regards the use of force and relevant legislation
- the risks of violence associated with alcohol, drugs, weapons and emotional distress, and the risks associated with the physical intervention techniques themselves
- when to use different forms of control (e.g. holding, escorting, restraint), according to the type of service user (including adults and children)

They will also learn how to use physical techniques that may be required to prevent injury or harm to themselves or others in ways that minimise the risk of death or serious injury to all parties.

The overall grading of the Level 2 BTEC Award in Physical Intervention Skills is a pass, based upon successful completion of three units. It is internally assessed and externally verified by subject-specialist external verifiers.

## How to seek approval to offer the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC Award in Physical Intervention Skills

Employers, training providers and colleges are invited to seek approval to offer the proposed qualification once available.

If you are already an approved Edexcel centre, you will need to complete qualification approval forms. Some additional requirements are to be added to the approval criteria for this qualification. These are likely to include the following requirements:

- adequate insurance (public liability, employers' liability, professional indemnity)
- facilities for safe delivery of physical intervention training
- adequate risk assessment and safety procedures relating to the physical techniques being taught
- experience and qualifications for trainers relating specifically to physical intervention training
- recognised teaching qualifications for trainers at Level 3

Organisations new to Edexcel will first need to seek centre approval.

Please complete the Expression of Interest form at [www.edexcel.org.uk/sfc](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/sfc), call customer services on 0844 499 1900 or email [salesupport@edexcel.org.uk](mailto:salesupport@edexcel.org.uk)

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