



Level 2 – Certificate for the Security Practitioner (1912)



The Important Stuff!

Candidate entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for candidates undertaking this qualification. However, centres will ensure that candidates have the potential and opportunity to be successful in gaining their qualification.

'Candidates contracted to perform the role of a security guard are required to hold a Security License to Practice qualification'.

About the qualification

The aim of the Security Practitioner qualification is to provide a learning programme and a Level 2 Vocational qualification of 325 guided learning hours for security officers, who would be recognised as valued and competent employees. The Security Practitioner qualification encourages flexible methods of learning, gaining experience and assessing achievement. It builds on the best aspects of the NVQ system, whilst providing an equally robust but flexible method of assessment.

This qualification has been designed to be more than a process through which to gain a qualification. The qualification, which is designed to take 12 to 18 months to complete, encourages the provision of a sound foundation of knowledge, skills and experience that will help an individual to plan and follow a rewarding career in the security sector. To help build this foundation, the qualification looks at other skills that make an individual employable, in addition to developing the occupational skills associated with being a security officer.

Candidates undertaking this qualification could look at moving into other areas of security such as the Level 2 National Certificate for Door Supervisors, Level 3 Certificate in Close Protection or even into the newly developed Level 2 Community Safety for Accredited Persons.

Structure of the qualification

The following certificates will be awarded to successful candidates on completion of the required combinations of units. Candidates completing one or more units, rather than the full qualification, will receive a Certificate of Unit Credit (CUC).

QCA unit reference	City & Guilds unit number	Unit title
H/500/9728	Unit 1	The United Kingdom private security industry
H/500/9731	Unit 2	Roles and responsibilities of a security officer
K/500/9729	Unit 3	Legislation and implications for the security officer
D/500/9730	Unit 4	Security and safety issues for a security officer

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