

Statement of Purpose

500/7772/7 - Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services (QCF)

Who is the qualification for?

This level 2 qualification is designed for post-16 students working at this level who intend to progress to further study in public services at level 3 in FE with a view to employment. It is 360 guided learning hours, equivalent in size to three GCSEs. This qualification is not available in any apprenticeship frameworks.

What does this qualification cover?

All of the content of the qualification, including both mandatory and optional units, provides the underpinning requirements for progression to further study in the uniformed and non-uniformed public service sectors.

This qualification enables students to acquire a valuable range of practical and technical skills, including teamwork, communication, and professional and personal skills. The knowledge requirements include: the role of the uniformed public services in society and how public services have changed over recent years to reflect a multicultural society and in response to political and economic changes. Students will learn about the range of different job opportunities within the services and the work that public service employees do on a day-to-day basis.

All students will cover three mandatory areas of content:

- Unit 1: 'Public Service Skills'
- Unit 2: 'Career Planning for the Public Services'
- Unit 3 'Improving Health and Fitness for Entry to the Uniformed Public Services'

Plus, one of two specialist units:

- Unit 4 'Employment in the Uniformed Public Services' or
- Unit 5 'Employment in the Non-uniformed Public Services'.

These units will provide the key underpinning knowledge and skills required to support progression to further study at level 3.

Students will also choose three optional units (10 credits in size) drawn from 16 options contextualised within the public service. The optional units enable students to extend and apply their knowledge and skills within a range of specialist areas: citizenship; health and safety; research, volunteering, adventurous activities and teamwork; sport and recreation; navigation; law and its impact on the individual, crime and the social effects of crime; community and cultural awareness; driving; expedition skills; nautical studies; security procedures; ICT, and handling emergency incidents.

What could this qualification lead to?

Achievement of this qualification at level 2 would mean that student has developed the skills and knowledge needed and are fully prepared to progress to further study at level 3.

Further study could include BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Public Services, A levels, or other vocational courses at Level 3. Students should check what additional qualifications, such as GCSE mathematics or English, may be needed to support progression to further study.

Pearson has developed an additional suite of BTEC Public Services qualifications - the BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award, Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma in Public Services. This suite has been designed for 14-16 year olds and is intended for delivery within a broad curriculum offer. This qualification is not part of that suite and is intended for post-16 students.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Further Education colleges including:

- Newcastle College
- Truro and Penwith College
- South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
- South Devon College
- Bradford College
- Leeds City College
- Chichester College
- Lambeth College

Further information

Further information on the qualification can be accessed at
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-firsts/public-services-2010-qcf.html>.