



# Close Protection (Refresher)

Key Information for Centres

# Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)

This qualification is now available for registration. It is aimed at those who need to renew their SIA Close Protection licence. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 individuals will not be able to renew their Close Protection licence if they do not hold this qualification.

This qualification is made up of three mandatory units:

- Principles of Working as a Door Supervisor in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)
- Application of Physical Intervention Skills in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)
- Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)

Please note these are new units, as indicated by '(Refresher)' in the title. There is no RPL from the 2021 and 2022 Door Supervisor and Close Protection qualifications allowed for this qualification. Units achieved in the 2021 and 2022 Door Supervisor and Close Protection qualifications (without '(Refresher)' in the title) cannot be used towards the Close Protection (Refresher) qualification.

## Delivery Time

As this is a Refresher qualification, there is an expectation that learners will come to the course with a higher degree of knowledge, skills and understanding than learners attending security training for the first time. As such, the delivery time for the units within this qualification is less than that mandated for the related units within the 2021 and 2022 Door Supervisor and Close Protection qualifications. Please see the table below for the permitted self-study and mandatory contact time for each of the units.

<b>Level 2 Award for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)</b>	<b>SIA Total Learning and Assessment Time</b>	<b>SIA Permitted Self Study</b>	<b>SIA Mandatory Contact Time</b>
Principles of Working as a Door Supervisor in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)	8	4 hours 45 minutes	3 hours 15 minutes
Application of Physical Intervention Skills in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)	13	5	8
Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry (Refresher)	13	5	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>34 (4.5 days)</b>	<b>14 hours 45 minutes</b>	<b>19 hours 15 minutes (2.5 days)</b>

## **Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry (Refresher) Unit**

As this unit is aimed solely at refreshing skills, the SIA decided the focus of this unit should be on a select number of practical skills, rather than all the competencies contained within the related 2022 unit. This approach is intended to promote a higher degree of practice, leading to increased competence in certain skills through repetition and (where reasonable) increased levels of application intensity through scenarios.

Please note that there are no new techniques included in either of the physical intervention units.

## Mapping between the two Application of Physical Intervention Skills for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry Units

Refresher Unit	2022 Unit	Notes
1.1 Identify situations where the principal's personal safety is likely to be compromised	1.1 Identify situations where the principal's personal safety is likely to be compromised	No change
1.2 Explain the considerations when responding to heightened threat, risk, or incidents	2.2 Explain the considerations when responding to heightened threat, risk, or incidents	No change to AC, just numbering change
1.3 Identify the priorities for each role in the immediate close protection team when a physical threat is realised	3.1 Identify the priorities for each role in the immediate close protection team when a physical threat is realised	No change to AC, just numbering change
2.1 Identify alternative methods of protecting a principal from assault which do not involve physical contact with others	6.1 Identify alternative methods of protecting a principal from assault which do not involve physical contact with others	No change to AC, just numbering change
2.2 Identify secondary potential threats to the principal and team	7.1 Identify secondary potential threats to the principal and team	No change to AC, just numbering change
3.1 Identify the purpose of narrowing the concentric layers of protection for a principal	4.1 Identify the purpose of narrowing the concentric layers of protection for a principal	No change to AC, just numbering change
3.2 Explain the considerations of the personal escort section (PES) team members within a protective formation	4.2 Explain the considerations of the personal escort section (PES) team members within a protective formation	No change to AC, just numbering change
3.3 Explain the considerations of the personal protective officer (PPO) within a protective formation	4.3 Explain the considerations of the personal protective officer (PPO) within a protective formation	No change to AC, just numbering change

4.1 Explain the legal, medical, and ethical implications of physical interventions within the context and boundaries of UK legislation.	8.1 Explain the legal, medical, and ethical implications of physical interventions within the context and boundaries of UK legislation.	No change to AC, just numbering change.  This AC will be assessed via the multiple choice test rather than via verbal Q&A in the Refresher qualification
5.1 Demonstrate skills to protect self from choke holds and strangulation	10.2 Demonstrate skills to protect self from choke holds and strangulation	No change to AC, just numbering change
5.2 Demonstrate skills to make space and withdraw self from perceived or actual weapon intended to cause harm	10.3 Demonstrate skills to make space and withdraw self from perceived or actual weapon intended to cause harm	No change to AC, just numbering change
6.1 Demonstrate methods of preventing subject from penetrating inner cordon	11.1 Demonstrate methods of preventing subject from penetrating inner cordon	No change to AC, just numbering change
7.1 Demonstrate a method of disengaging the principal from unwelcome embraces and holds	12.1 Demonstrate a method of disengaging the principal from unwelcome embraces and holds	No change to AC, just numbering change
7.2 Demonstrate a method of protecting the principal from blows	12.2 Demonstrate a method of protecting the principal from blows	No change to AC, just numbering change
5.1 Demonstrate skills to protect self from choke holds and strangulation	10.2 Demonstrate skills to protect self from choke holds and strangulation	No change to AC, just numbering change

## **Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry (Top Up)**

This qualification expired for registration on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Learners registered on this qualification must be certificated by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026. Please make sure learners have sat the external tests and the internal units have been claimed on EOL by mid-January to ensure learners can be certificated before the last certification date. Learners holding this qualification must apply for their Close Protection licence renewal by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. All licence renewal applications made from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 will be required to hold the Close Protection (Refresher) qualification.