

# IQ Level 3 Award for Professional Investigators



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## Introduction

Our Private Investigations course is accredited at Level 3 through the awarding body IQ (Industry Qualifications) and is at a standard to be recognised by the Security Industry Authority for licensing purposes. The course will provide you with the knowledge to become a competent investigator and give you a head start in the industry. The course has been written by industry experts, ensuring you gain the most up to date and relevant instruction in this dynamic industry.

This qualification is mapped to the SIA Specification for Learning and Qualifications for Private Investigators and Pre- Cognition activities.

The course has been designed by CTR Services and forms the core competencies for working within private investigations. The level of training provided focuses on the theory aspects of private investigation although in order to enhance the training involved there is much focus on practical scenario based training also. This course is modular based and aims to provide the key skills that will enable the learner the ability to follow an investigation from start to finish.

## Professional Investigator course breakdown

The course is broken down into 4 modules in order to help you gain accreditation and complete this professional course.

The modules are:

### Module 1 – Introduction to Investigations

This module will enable you to understand the origins of private investigations and explore the history of this field. You will also understand the principal work of a private investigator and the qualities needed in order to progress as an investigator.

### Module 2 – Types of Investigations

This module provides an understanding of some of the types of investigation you may find yourself completing. You will be guided through the following types of investigations (but not limited to):

- General Enquires
- Tracing
- Process Service
- Surveillance
- Due-Diligence

### Module 3 – Unit 1 and Unit 2

These are the core units as set out by the awarding body and includes the information relating to your assessment and exams. This information is delivered by industry experts who will guide you through the learning process.

### Module 4 – Working within Private Investigations

This is the final module and helps you to understand continual professional development (CPD) of a professional investigator and how important it is to keep learning. You will also be able to understand the diversity of the industry and directions of career you may choose. We also explore conflict management with the use of role-play scenarios based on potential investigation types, this is an important aspect due to private investigators by the nature of their trade coming into contact with various people throughout their duties.

## Assessment and Completion

All of these modules accumulate towards a level 3 qualification through the awarding body Industry Qualifications. The 5 day centre based course also includes a live exercise whereby you must prove your competence by gathering information on an individual, collating the information and finally planning a surveillance operation. This part of the course allows us to assess everything that you have learnt throughout the course and also incorporates an aspect of surveillance planning.

In addition to this you will be required to sit two exams based on the following units:

**Unit 1** – M/503/0680 – Principles of gathering and using information for investigations

**Unit 2** – A/503/0679 – Principles of planning and reporting investigations

## Our Instructors

The instructional team employed to deliver this level of training have many years of experience within the investigation field, this includes corporate investigations, covert surveillance and commercial intelligence tasks. The instructional team come from a variety of backgrounds such as the police, military and leading figures within the investigation world.

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