

Q If I pass the Diploma, will this be recognised by other forces?

A Officers passing the Diploma will be eligible to apply for consideration of promotion in any Scottish Force.

Q Will it cost me anything to undertake the Diploma?

A Officers will not have to pay for the Diploma. Some candidates however may wish to purchase text books or additional study material. If students do not complete the Diploma and want to receive accreditation for Modules that they have achieved they will have to apply through the Diploma Team at the Scottish Police College. This request will be progressed with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), a fee is charged to the student for this.

Q Can I get credit for previous qualifications?

A Yes, however you will be required to prove that your previous learning and the assessment of that learning fully match the outcomes from the relevant unit of the Diploma. This learning will also need to have currency i.e. less than three years since completion. Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) can only be given for up to 50% of the Diploma units. Candidates applying for APL will require to pay a fee, which will be subject to variation depending upon current costs.

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DIPLOMA IN POLICE SERVICE LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT—SCQF LEVEL 8

The Diploma was introduced in April 2007. This award has been specifically designed by the Police in Scotland to develop potential police leaders and managers. It has been derived from extensive research into training needs, occupational requirements and best practice worldwide. It is a qualification in its own right being validated by SQA as a Professional Development Award and sits on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework at level 8 with 120 credit points.

The Diploma consists of 8 Higher National (HN) Units across 4 Modules with one overarching HN Unit, Developing Skills of Personal Effectiveness.

These Units are delivered by distance learning from the Scottish Police College and supported by a dedicated team of tutors and assessors. The programme will, ordinarily, take officers 18 months to complete and will involve on average eight hours of study per week.



Access to other Higher Education (HE) programmes is available on successful completion of the Diploma. A consortium of universities led by the University of the West of Scotland offers a BSc (Honours) in Policing. Students who pass the DPSLM will normally meet the entry requirements for the BSc. Access to other HE courses and accreditation for prior learning will depend on individual institutions.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Developing Skills for Personal Effectiveness:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DDF4F35.pdf>

Contemporary Policing:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EA35.pdf>

Criminal Justice System in Scotland:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EB35.pdf>

Professional Knowledge in Policing:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EC35.pdf>

Professional Ethics in Policing:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EF35.pdf>

Decision Making:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0ED35.pdf>

Organisational Management:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EG35.pdf>

People Management:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EH35.pdf>

Leadership:—
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/files/hn/DF0EJ35.pdf>

Assessment:—
Vary from examination to reflective report.

ACCESS

The Diploma is open to serving police officers in Scotland. In order to seek nomination from their force/agency, officers must have successfully completed their probationer training (minimum 2 years).

Officers seeking to undertake the Diploma must apply through their force/agency who are responsible for selecting and nominating successful applicants.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Can I still sit the promotion examination?

A No, the last sitting of the Police (Scotland) Promotion Examination took place in March 2009. There will therefore be no further opportunity to sit the examination and the Diploma will be the only route available to qualify for promotion.

Q Will I need to do the Diploma if I have passed the Police (Scotland) promotion exam?

A No. Both the Diploma and the Police (Scotland) Promotion Examination have equal merit as the qualifying criteria for promotion.

Q What if I have a partial pass in the promotion examination?

A If the pass was achieved in the Elementary Examination prior to 1993 you will, as at present, be eligible for promotion up to the rank of Inspector. If you wish to be promoted beyond that and have not attained passes in the remaining Police (Scotland) Promotion Examination in Crime, General Police Duties and Traffic, you will need to pass the Diploma to gain qualification. If the pass was achieved from 1993 onwards and is incomplete (1 or 2 papers instead of all 3) then you will need to pass the Diploma to be promoted from the rank of Constable.