

# Qualifications Network

## Qualification Specification

*A candidate's guide to the*  
**QNUK Level 3 Award in**  
**Responding to Ligature Incidents (RQF)**

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## Introduction

This qualification specification outlines key information required by candidates in order to ensure they have are able to make an informed decision in regards to the qualifications they are undertaking.

## Qualification purpose

This qualification is aimed at those working in environments where incidents involving ligatures are a foreseeable risk. This may include those working in the prison or probations services as well as those working with young people in residential care and other higher risk environments.

## Qualification objective

This qualification has the purpose of supporting a role in the workplace.

## Qualification structure

### Qualification title

QNUK Level 3 Award in Responding to Ligature Incidents (RQF)

### Qualification accreditation number

603/1501/5

### Qualification level

3

### Credit value

1

### Guided learning hours (GLH)

6

### Total Qualification Time (TQT)

6

### Unit one title

Dealing with incidents involving a ligature

### Unit one reference number

F/615/7427

## Pre-requisites

Candidates should be at least 18 years old to undertake this qualification.

It is recommended that candidates have at least level 1 literacy to undertake this qualification within the given TQT

Candidates should be capable of undertaking all elements of the qualification. Practical elements such as CPR must be performed on the floor.

There are no other pre-requisites for this qualification

## Geographical coverage

This qualification is available to candidates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Qualification can be delivered in other countries however candidates should be aware that the content was developed in accordance with current UK practice.

## Acceptable forms of I.D

The list below outlines acceptable forms of identification for candidates undertaking a regulated qualification with Qualifications Network.

Ideally candidates should provide at least 1 form of photo I.D. If photo I.D is not available, 2 forms of non-photographic I.D can be produced.

Acceptable forms of photographic I.D (1 required) are:

- Signed UK Photo card driving licence
- Signed passport (any nationality)
- Valid EU Photo identity card
- SIA security licence (with photo)
- Current and valid warrant card issued by HM forces or Police
- Current and valid Prison service card (with photo)
- Proof of age card
- Employee photo identification card
- Firearms license (with photo)

Acceptable forms of non-photographic I.D (2 required) are:

- Current driving license – paper version
- Birth certificate
- Marriage/civil partnership certificate
- Mortgage statement (issued within past 12 months)
- Bank or building society statement (issued within last 3 months)
- Bank or building society account opening confirmation letter (issued within last 3 months)
- Credit card statement (issued within last 3 months)
- Pension or endowment financial statement (issued within last 12 months)
- P45 or P60 statement (issued within last 12 months)
- Council tax statement (issued within last 12 months)
- Valid work permit or visa issue by UK government
- Utility bill – excluding mobile phone bill (issued within last 3 months)
- Benefit statement e.g. child benefit, pension (issued within last 3 months)

## Units of assessment

### Unit one title

Dealing with incidents involving a ligature

Learning outcomes:

The learner will:

1 Be able to manage an incident involving a suspended and unsuspended ligature

Assessment criterion:

The learner can:

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| 1.1 | Demonstrate the management of an incident involving a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspended ligature</li> <li>• Unsuspended ligature</li> </ul> |
| 1.2 | Demonstrate the cutting of a ligature using appropriate equipment  |
| 1.3 | Demonstrate the correct removal of a ligature  |

2	Know how to provide first aid to a casualty with a suspected spinal injury	2.1	Recognise a casualty with a suspected spinal injury
		2.2	Manage a casualty with a suspected spinal injury
3	Be able to provide first aid for a casualty that is unconscious	3.1	Demonstrate the primary survey
		3.2	Demonstrate Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on a manikin
		3.3	Demonstrate the recovery position
4	Know the actions to be taken once an incident is complete	4.1	Outline the actions to be taken after an incident involving a ligature
		4.2	Complete an incident report form

## Assessment methods

Candidates are assessed for this qualification using the following methods:

- Practical observation with verbal questioning
- Completion of an incident report in English

### Practical observations

Candidates will be assessed dealing with an incident involving a ligature. Candidates should be able to complete all parts of the practical observations in an appropriate sequence.

### Incident report

Learners will be required to complete an incident report. Details provided should be done so in a language that will be understood by the assessor and the relevant authorities where the setting is located. This will most commonly be English.

## Reasonable adjustments

All candidates must be capable of dealing with an incident involving a ligature, both physically and mentally.

As time is paramount in an incident involving ligatures, no additional time can be provided as a reasonable adjustment.

As incidents may involve the management of a spinal injury, turning a casualty and performing CPR, each of these elements must be performed.

When managing incidents, candidates should be able to produce a report outlining the event and actions taken. This report can be written by a scribe where a candidate will not be able to access a fair assessment of their knowledge in this assessment criterion.