



IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation

Training a new generation of installers

Training and development can play a significant part in the opportunities open to people and therefore the ways they can carve out their career path. Choosing a career path can help you set professional goals and develop a strategy for getting where you want to be. Part of choosing an appropriate career path involves making an honest self-evaluation of your talents, abilities and interests. While elements of your path may change over time due to choice or circumstance, having an overall professional objective with which to guide yourself will help you make critical decisions with greater clarity. Understanding the requirements of your chosen path will allow you to plan to prepare yourself for the career you want.

Career Pathway

A career path is just that – a journey, rather than a single one-time decision. Every career path has milestones along the way. When you choose a career path, you position yourself to look far into the future at your ultimate objectives. This can help you identify positions you want to hold and income levels you want to achieve. It can also help to guide you in building your personal and professional networks in the industry in which you're interested. Having long-term goals in place will help you stay focused on your ultimate career objectives, rather than moving aimlessly from job to job.

The BAFSA Fire Sprinkler Installation Career Pathway can be viewed on the BAFSA website.

Over the last 18 months, in support of the Career Pathway, BAFSA together with three colleges, Neath Port Talbot College Group (S. Wales), The Manchester College and Llandrillo College (N. Wales) has overseen the development and delivery of a national industry based competency qualification:

L2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation

This qualification for the Active Fire Industry introduces new and existing practitioners to the practical skills and knowledge required for installing automatic Fire Sprinkler systems. The qualification has been mapped to the National Occupational Standards for Mechanical Fire Protection and assists industry in encouraging new recruits to the sector.

The IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation (QCF) continues to be delivered at Neath Port Talbot College and The Manchester College. In addition, this year will see delivery commence at Llandrillo College, Rhos on Sea, North Wales.

This work based qualification will serve those individuals employed in the fire sprinkler industry assisting in the development of the knowledge and competencies necessary to meet the industry standards for this role. The framework of the qualification will continue to provide sufficient flexibility for the variations in different jobs and locations whilst confirming occupational competence set by industry.

Age range, geographical coverage and learner entry requirements

This qualification is approved for learners 18. There are no formal entry requirements although learners must be able to work at heights.

Achievement of the qualification

To achieve the IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation (QCF) the learner must achieve seven mandatory units:

- communicate effectively in the workplace
- establish effective working relationships
- manage own Resources
- health and Safety
- awareness of regulations in the fire sprinkler industry
(This unit develops knowledge and understanding; however some assessment criteria should be assessed in the workplace)
- fire sprinkler installation and handover
- understanding the fire sprinkler industry

Course Delivery

Each College has its own course delivery plan. Day release will require one day attendance at college. Block Release means that learner will need to attend 'blocks of learning time, Monday to Friday' rather than one day per week as with a day release course.

Guided learning hours are 209. Guided learning hours are all times when a member of provider staff is present to give specific guidance towards the learning aim being studied on the programme and assessment. This definition includes lectures, tutorials, and supervised study. It does not include hours where supervision or assistance is of a general nature and is not specific to the study of the learners. It is recommended that the qualification is completed over a nine to twelve month period depending on learner experience.

This year will also see the introduction of BAFSA Masterclasses where BAFSA industry representatives will assist Colleges in delivering robust course requirements

Assessment

Assessment for all units in this qualification is through a portfolio of evidence (internally set and marked and quality assured by IQ) which demonstrates the learner's knowledge and understanding or consistent performance in the workplace as indicated in the unit specifications. Assessment must meet the requirements of assessment principles of the BAFSA Assessment Strategy (available on BAFSA website). This qualification is not graded, successful learners achieve a pass.



Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation Course Dates and Venues

15 May	 Manchester College	5 June	 Manchester College	Jan 2018	 Neath Port Talbot	TBC	 Llandrillo College
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Courses will commence during 2017 as follows:

The Manchester College

Day Release Course Commences: Monday 15th May 2017
The course is expected to be undertaken over a period of 36 weeks (classroom and work based) and is to be completed within a twelve month period.

Block Release Course Commences:
5th June, 3rd July, 25th September, 16th October, 13th November, 11th December 2017, 15th January 2018
This course will be delivered over 7 x 1 week training blocks.
Attendance at College is required.

NB Courses will need a minimum of 10 students to commence

Neath Port Talbot College

Next course is expected to commence January 2018 and will be delivered in a block release style.

Llandrillo College

Please contact qualifications@bafsa for further information on course delivery.

Course Fees

A College Course Fee of £1200, to include registration and all learning materials, is applicable to each candidate. BAFSA are pleased to inform their members that they have negotiated a fee reduction for their members reducing the fee to £1050.

Government funding

The Manchester College has now secured government funding for the IQ L2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation. This is national recognition that BAFSA's IQ L2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation is a qualification of note.

It also achieves a significant reduction in course fees at The Manchester College:

Non members : £500 BAFSA Members : £450

BAFSA will be accepting candidate registrations for onward forwarding to the respective College in time for course commencement. To secure a place, please complete the booking form below and in the first instance return it to qualifications@bafsa.org.uk.



Registration form (complete one for each Learner)

I wish to register a candidate for IQ L2 Certificate in Fire Sprinkler Installation course

at
Manchester College

Day Release

Block Release 05.06.17 03.07.17 25.09.17 16.10.17
 13.11.17 11.12.17 15.01.18

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