

RQF Level 1 Award

Qualification title:	FAA Level 1 Award in Fire Safety Awareness (RQF)	Code:	600/8133/8
Unit 1 title:	Fire Safety Awareness	Unit code:	Y/601/9697

SCQF Level 4 Award

Qualification title:	Award in Fire Safety Awareness at SCQF Level 4	Code:	R325 04
Unit 1 title:	Fire Safety Awareness	Unit code:	UD71 04

You will, no doubt, be well aware of the potentially devastating effects of fires in the workplace in terms of lives lost, injuries, damage to property and the environment, and to the business continuity. You may also be aware that it is believed that most fires are preventable.

The importance of fire safety in the workplace is underpinned by health and safety legislation that places a duty on employers to establish policies and procedures and ensure their employees receive appropriate training.

This course is designed for all employees as an introduction to fire awareness and is an excellent ingredient in the induction programme of new employees. It deals with how fires can occur and what to do in the event of a fire. The qualification also provides a foundation for those employees who want to develop their basic fire safety awareness in order to assist their employer by undertaking more specific fire safety roles in the workplace to manage fire risk (e.g. as fire wardens/marshals/stewards etc).

Successful candidates will be awarded a national level 1 qualification (Level 4 in Scotland).

Duration

A minimum of 4 contact hours in the classroom.

Syllabus

A range of subjects is covered including:

- The common causes of fire
- The behaviour of fire
- Legislation (brief) and responsibilities
- Fire prevention
- What to do if a fire breaks out
- How to use fire extinguishers
- Emergency evacuation procedures

Certification

The qualification does not have an expiry date but refresher training and keeping up to date with changes to policies, procedures and new legislation through ongoing CPD is vital.

Numbers

A maximum of 16 students are allowed and must be a minimum of 14 years of age and a certificate can be offered to all, subject to assessment.

A student cannot assume a responsibility in the workplace until they reach the age of 16, and then it is the employer's responsibility to ensure that the student is suitable for that role.