

Horizon versus other training providers

Close Protection course - Comparison Document

	Close Protection Executive course & Hostile Environment Close Protection Operative course (HECPO)	Versus	Other training providers
Duration	17 days Close Protection Executive course only. If you opt to attend our medical courses and Hostile Environment Close Protection Operative course (HECPO) this can be anywhere between 22 to 30 days in duration.		Typically, other training providers deliver their Close Protection course over 14 to 17 Days.
Cost	Close Protection Executive course £2000 (+VAT). Hostile Environment Preparedness course (HEPCO) £600 (+VAT).		Typically costs vary between £1500 to £3500.
Prospects of employment	One of the distinct advantages of attending our Close Protection Executive and Hostile Environment Preparedness courses' is that a number of highly reputable companies frequently visit our training centre to interview successful graduates who have performed well on our course and meet their clients' minimum requirements. Those who impress at interview are often offered employment or put onto a standby list for when positions become available.		<p>Job prospects with other training providers tend to be often limited or non-existent.</p> <p>Using clever marketing, many training providers portray they have job opportunities for successful course graduates and that they have clients which include celebrities; actors/actresses, sports men/women and other recognisable public figures.</p> <p>The few jobs they sometime can offer graduates tend to be one-off tasks rather than full-time contracted positions.</p> <p>Before you commit to attend their course(s) please research the provider to establish realistically how credible their promises of employment actually are. DO NOT be fooled!</p>
Instructors	<p>At Horizon, all our instructors have many years of experience in providing both Close Protection and Close Protection instruction and are all extremely passionate about their profession.</p> <p>During our Close Protection Executive course, you can expect to be taught by several different instructors. Each instructor will draw on their own experiences.</p>		You can expect the same instructor to teach throughout the entire duration.

Reputation	We openly encourage anyone that is considering a career in Close Protection to do some research and you'll see for yourself that Horizon is the best training provider in the industry.		<p>Be careful what company you choose to be your training provider. This statement is not intended to scare you into choosing Horizon to be your training provider. Our intention is to be honest and transparent with you.</p> <p>There are numerous training companies offering courses at heavily discounted prices, promising the world. DO NOT get caught out!</p> <p>We have had students attend our Close Protection courses who made the wrong choice and with whom previously attended courses with other providers. Many struggled to find employment due to the reputation of the training provider they attended their training with.</p> <p>Many recruiters in the security industry DO take into consideration who you attended your training with as part of their selection process. Credibility matters.</p>
Course programme	Our syllabus goes above and beyond the basic licensing requirements giving you not only what is required for your licence but more importantly those skills required to enable you to be successful in the industry. It is designed to meet the needs of men and women from all walks of life regardless of background or previous knowledge.		The majority of training providers only train what they are obligated to teach by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) and Awarding Bodies guidelines.
Facilities	<p>We have our own training centre facilities which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban centre used for hostile environment training • Executive Protection calibre vehicles 		Other training providers tend to hire rooms within hotels, conference centres etc and are therefore restricted in the training they can deliver.
Certification gained	Students who successfully complete our Close Protection Executive course will be issued with a BTEC Level 3 Certificate; 'Working as a Close Protection Operative within the Private Security Industry' from Pearson which is valid for 3 years.		Many providers also offer this qualification via Person, QNUK or Highfields.

Post course support to help find employment	<p>In order to increase our students' prospects of finding employment we provide them with an extensive list of companies who recruit Close Protection Operatives. Additionally, we give employment advice, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to improve the chances of being successful in finding employment • How to network effectively • Social media • Assistance in developing your curriculum vitae • Interviews • How to determine potential interview questions • 3-year career action plans • Suggested reading list • Employment hints and tips 		<p>We have unfortunately heard stories about other training providers doing little to assist their graduates find employment afterwards. Too many of these companies are only interested in one thing; ££££.</p>
ELCAS	<p>Horizon is proud to be an approved Training Provider under the Ministry of Defence's Enhanced Learning Credits Administration Service (ELCAS). Our Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) provider number is 5805.</p>		<p>Not all training providers have ELCAS approval status. You can search via the ELCAS website to see what courses (if any) the training provider has been approved to deliver, see link below:</p> <p>http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com/learning-provider/provider-search.aspx</p>
Frequency of courses	<p>We are one of only a couple of training providers that deliver Close Protection training nearly every month.</p> <p>Since Horizon's inception we have rarely cancelled any of our scheduled Close Protection courses.</p>		<p>Typically, other training providers only deliver a few courses annually. These courses also have a tendency to be cancelled (often at short notice) due to an insufficient number of bookings.</p>