



CHOOSING YOUR CLOSE PROTECTION COURSE

WHY CHOOSE HORIZON?

Compare the training.
Invest in your future.



A qualification is the starting point.

Look closely at the practical training, instructor experience and support behind it. This guide helps you compare your options and understand what Horizon brings to your development.

EXPERIENCE

Operational insight

PRACTICE

Realistic scenarios

PROGRESSION

Career guidance

**COMPARE WHAT MATTERS**

Look beyond the headline price.

Use the same questions with every provider. A clear answer helps you judge the value of the complete learning experience.

ASK ANY PROVIDER	THE HORIZON APPROACH
Who will teach me? What recent operational and teaching experience do instructors bring?	Learn from instructors with military, government, law enforcement and commercial security backgrounds.
How will I practise? How do exercises develop judgement, teamwork and communication?	Progressive practical scenarios connect classroom learning with the demands of professional protective work.
How will I improve? Will I receive useful individual feedback and a written performance report?	Ongoing instructor feedback and an End of Course Report help CP learners identify strengths and development priorities.
What will I achieve? What is the exact qualification, awarding body and assessment requirement?	Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry, subject to successful assessment.
What happens afterwards? What specific career support is available after the course?	Guidance on CVs, interviews, networking and professional development, with appropriate introductions where available.
What am I paying for? Does the written quote explain VAT, training, assessment and additional costs?	Confirm the full programme and inclusions with Horizon. Budget separately for travel, accommodation, meals and SIA application fees.

Ask for evidence. Choose with confidence.

Read recent learner feedback, ask about the timetable and compare written inclusions. Professional standards and practical preparation deserve as much attention as price.

**A ROUTE THAT FITS YOUR STARTING POINT**

Choose your next step.

Bring your existing qualifications and career goals into the conversation. We will help you identify the right programme.

18 DAYS**Close Protection Level 3**

For learners who already hold an accepted first-aid qualification. Develop core protective skills through classroom learning, practical exercises and assessment.

23 DAYS**FREC Level 3 + Close Protection**

Five days of first response training followed by the 18-day CP programme. A joined-up route for learners who need first-aid training before CP.

4 DAYS**Hostile Environment CP Operative**

Additional professional development for qualified CP operatives. Explore elevated threat environments through practical exercises and team scenarios.

Thinking about UK or overseas work?

Protective security careers can span private clients, corporate travel and broader roles around facilities, infrastructure and remote sites. If overseas work is your goal, discuss the experience and additional preparation employers expect.

HECPO awards a Horizon professional development certificate, distinct from the regulated CP and FREC qualifications. It does not guarantee eligibility for an overseas assignment or replace employer-specific requirements.

A 27-day FREC + CP + HECPO package is also available. Confirm dates and any gaps between courses.

**YOUR FUTURE DESERVES A CLEAR PLAN**

Prepare for the profession.

Our commitment extends beyond the classroom: practical preparation, honest guidance and support as you take your next steps.

01 Training with practical context

Develop communication, discretion, teamwork and sound judgement alongside the knowledge and skills assessed on the course.

02 Feedback you can build on

Use your End of Course Report to focus your development. Access guidance on CV presentation, interviews and professional expectations.

03 Straightforward planning

Train at our main venue, The Normandy Hotel in Renfrew, near Glasgow Airport. Ask about accommodation, learning support and ELCAS-approved course options.

Before you commit to any course

Confirm the qualification, first-aid entry evidence, full cost, timetable, assessment arrangements, cancellation terms and the career support actually included.

Training is a foundation for progression. Passing, an SIA licence, employment and earnings are not guaranteed. Licensing is a separate application; employers make their own recruitment decisions.

Let's talk about your next step.

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