



STUDENT COURSE GUIDE

CLOSE PROTECTION & HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

Train with purpose.
Prepare for the profession.



CLOSE PROTECTION LEVEL 3 / FREC LEVEL 3 / HECPO

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**YOUR NEXT CHAPTER**

A professional start. A stronger foundation.

Thank you for your interest in Horizon. Whether you are leaving the Armed Forces, changing career or progressing within security, our training is designed to help you build the knowledge, practical ability and professional confidence needed for your next step.

Close protection is a people-focused profession. Assignments may involve corporate executives, high-net-worth individuals, celebrities, sporting personalities, political figures or members of royal households. Each setting demands discretion, adaptability, sound judgement and the ability to perform under pressure.

Our approach brings together recognised qualifications, experienced operational instructors and realistic practical exercises. We help learners understand both the requirements of the course and the expectations they will encounter in professional protective security.

Choose the route that fits your starting point

Complete Close Protection Level 3 on its own, combine it with FREC Level 3, or add our Hostile Environment Close Protection Operative programme to extend your development.

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**THE HORIZON APPROACH**

Training grounded in operational experience.

Choosing a training provider is a decision about your future. We focus on the quality of the learning experience, the standards you develop and the support available as you move forward.

01 Operationally experienced instructors

Learn from professionals with military, government, law enforcement and commercial security backgrounds, bringing practical context to the subjects they teach.

02 Realistic practical training

Apply classroom learning through progressive exercises and scenarios that develop judgement, communication, teamwork and confidence.

03 Clear qualification outcomes

Work towards nationally recognised regulated qualifications, with separate Horizon course certificates for relevant professional development programmes.

04 Military resettlement support

Horizon is ELCAS Approved Learning Provider 5805. Our team can help eligible learners understand the documentation and approved course options.

05 A professional learning environment

Our main training venue near Glasgow Airport offers conference facilities, convenient travel connections and accommodation options nearby.

06 Individual performance feedback

Close Protection learners receive an End of Course Report, identifying strengths and areas to develop as they progress.

07 Support beyond the classroom

Access guidance on continuing professional development, CV presentation, interview preparation and the expectations of the industry.

08 Connections and industry insight

Benefit from networking opportunities, employment guidance and appropriate introductions, informed by our involvement in the security sector.

09 Small, supported course groups

We restrict student numbers to protect the quality of instruction, encourage participation and allow meaningful feedback.

10 Professional standards throughout

Reliability, integrity, discretion and continuous improvement are embedded in the training experience alongside practical competence.

**FIND YOUR ROUTE**

Build the right programme.

Start with your existing qualifications, your career direction and the time you can commit. Individual courses and combined packages allow you to plan a coherent training pathway.

PROGRAMME	DURATION	TRAINING PATHWAY
FREC Level 3	5 days	Develop first response emergency care skills.
Close Protection Level 3	18 days	For learners with an accepted first-aid qualification.
FREC + Close Protection	23 days	Combine first response training with the CP qualification.
HECPO	4 days	Further development for qualified CP operatives.
Complete training package	27 days	FREC + Close Protection + HECPO.

Durations reflect the current programme structure. Confirm the timetable and any breaks between courses before arranging travel; delivery may change with awarding body or regulatory requirements.

Who is this training for?

Our learners come from a wide range of professional and personal backgrounds.

- Military personnel moving into civilian employment.
- Security professionals seeking progression.
- Former police, prison and emergency services personnel.
- Civilian career changers entering private security.
- Qualified CP operatives developing further skills.
- People seeking protective security and risk management capability.

No previous close protection experience is required for the full CP Level 3 course. HECPO has a separate qualification prerequisite.

**18 DAYS / LICENCE-LINKED TRAINING**

Close Protection Level 3

Our comprehensive Close Protection programme develops the knowledge, practical skills and professional mindset required to begin a career in protective security. It combines face-to-face classroom learning with realistic exercises, helping you turn principles into considered action. Training extends beyond the minimum syllabus, with practical context and professional expectations woven throughout.

Instructors with military, government and commercial security experience explain how the syllabus relates to contemporary assignments. You will explore the responsibilities of an operative, how protective teams work and how preparation, communication and discretion support an effective service.

The course covers threat and risk assessment, planning, surveillance awareness, venue and residential security, protective movement, vehicle procedures, incident management, conflict management, physical intervention and relevant law.

Your qualification

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry. Successful achievement supports an application for an SIA Close Protection licence, subject to the SIA's separate checks and requirements.

Need first-aid training first? Our five-day FREC Level 3 course can be completed before CP as part of a combined package. See page 10.

**CLOSE PROTECTION SYLLABUS / 01**

Preparation shapes professional protection.

Effective close protection starts before a principal arrives. The course develops a structured approach to understanding the task, assessing the environment and preparing the team.

Core close protection principles

Understand the role and responsibilities of a Close Protection Operative, professional standards and the expectations of clients and employers. Consider how personal conduct, presentation, confidentiality and interpersonal skills affect the service you provide.

Explore team structures, operational responsibilities and communication. Learn why clear briefings, reliable information and an understanding of your place in the team are essential to coordinated working.

Threat, risk and operational planning

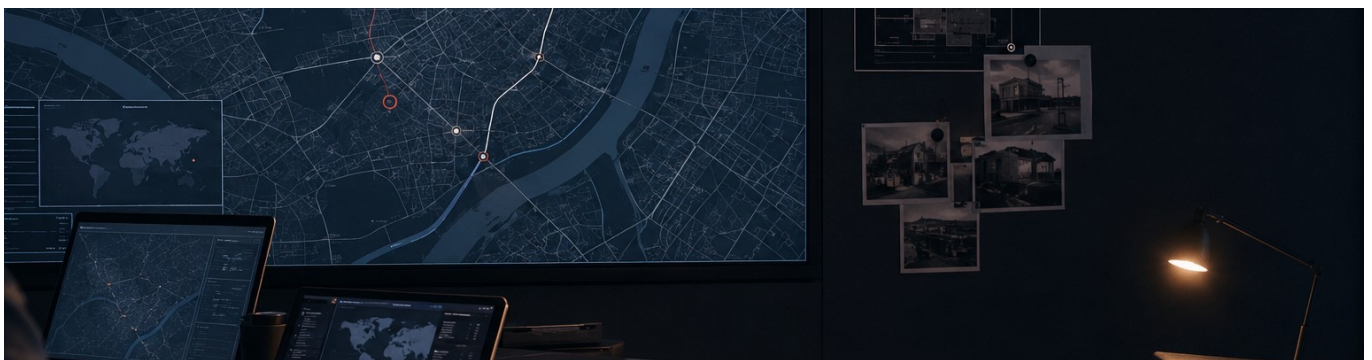
Develop an understanding of threat and risk assessment, the operational planning process, reconnaissance and site surveys. The emphasis is on identifying relevant information, considering its implications and making proportionate planning decisions.

Examine route selection and journey management alongside venue and residential security. Consider how the movement of people, the layout of a location and changes to a programme can influence protective arrangements.

From a plan to a shared understanding

Practical work gives you opportunities to communicate an assessment, explain your reasoning and contribute to a team plan. You will be encouraged to ask questions, challenge assumptions constructively and recognise when a plan needs to be reviewed.

These habits support more than a course assessment. They help establish the disciplined preparation, attention to detail and clear communication expected within the profession.



**CLOSE PROTECTION SYLLABUS / 02**

Apply the principles. Develop your judgement.

Protective security operations

Build familiarity with walking drills and protective formations, vehicle procedures and vehicle drills. Explore the relationship between a protective plan, the surrounding environment and the actions of the team.

Subjects include surveillance awareness and counter-surveillance, searches of persons, vehicles and venues, and incident management and emergency response. Exercises allow you to practise communication and coordination while remaining aware of the changing situation.

Law, conflict management and physical intervention

Understand relevant legislation and the professional responsibilities that frame close protection work. Training covers conflict management techniques, dynamic decision-making, use of force considerations and physical intervention skills.

The programme also addresses the relevant door supervision principles and physical intervention content required within the current qualification. The focus is on making appropriate decisions, communicating effectively and working safely within the role.

Counter-terrorism awareness

Explore the current threat landscape, terrorism awareness, the recognition of suspicious activity and protective security measures. Develop an understanding of how awareness, reporting and proportionate preparation contribute to a wider security approach.

Progressive practical exercises

Scenarios become more demanding as your knowledge and confidence develop. They bring together teamwork, communication, situational awareness and decision-making under pressure, with instructor feedback to help you understand what worked and what needs improvement.

By the end of the programme, you should be better equipped to explain your decisions, contribute to a protective team and continue developing towards the demands of professional practice.

Knowledge, practice and professional conduct

Each element reinforces the others. We expect learners to engage fully in classroom work, practical exercises and feedback throughout the programme.

**BEFORE YOU BOOK**

Check your starting point.

Our team can help you review course suitability and the evidence required before committing to a place.

01**Age**

You must be at least 18 years old to enrol on the Close Protection course.

02**English**

You must communicate effectively in spoken and written English, understand instruction and complete the required learning activities and assessments.

03**First aid**

Hold an accepted Level 3 first-aid qualification or equivalent with at least 12 months remaining when CP training starts. Horizon will check the certificate and its suitability. FREC Level 3 is one accepted route; other qualifications may also meet the requirement.

04**Practical participation**

You must be physically capable of participating in the course exercises. There is no formal fitness test, but training includes active practical work and requires sustained engagement.

05**Identification**

Provide valid photographic identification and proof of address in line with the awarding body's requirements. Separate SIA identity checks apply when you make a licence application.

Driving and participation

A driving licence is not required to attend the course or obtain an SIA Close Protection licence. Many employers prefer or require a full UK driving licence, so consider this when planning your career. Participation in any driving-related practical activity is subject to Horizon's insurance requirements at the time of training.

Tell us what support you need

Discuss learning needs, accessibility, any concern about practical participation and possible reasonable adjustments before booking. Early discussion helps us explain what the course requires and what support may be available.

**DEMONSTRATE YOUR PROGRESS**

Assessment and support.

You will receive instruction, coaching and feedback as you develop. Qualification achievement depends on meeting the required standards in both knowledge and practical assessment.

How you may be assessed

Assessment is delivered in accordance with the awarding body's requirements. The programme may include knowledge-based assessments and examinations, course workbooks and learning activities, practical skills assessments, and scenario-based exercises with performance evaluation.

Feedback that helps you develop

Instructors help you understand your progress, identify areas requiring attention and approach assessment with a clear understanding of expectations. Close Protection learners also receive a detailed End of Course Report (EoCR), summarising performance and highlighting priorities for future development.

Qualification achievement

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate for Close Protection Operatives in the Private Security Industry is awarded to learners who successfully complete the required assessments. Passing is not guaranteed. Where appropriate, further support or reassessment opportunities may be available; the team will explain the applicable arrangements.

Your SIA application is a separate step

Achieving the qualification allows you to progress towards an SIA Close Protection licence application. You apply directly to the Security Industry Authority, which makes its own decision after considering identity, criminality and the other eligibility requirements. Horizon provides guidance on the process; the course itself does not issue a licence.

Keep your evidence organised

Retain your qualification and first-aid certificates, identification documents and End of Course Report. Accurate records make it easier to prepare an application, explain your training to an employer and plan the next stage of your development.

Think beyond the assessment

Our objective is to help you leave with a stronger professional foundation: the ability to contribute, communicate and continue improving as you gain experience.



5 DAYS / FIRST RESPONSE EMERGENCY CARE

FREC Level 3

The Level 3 Award in First Response Emergency Care develops knowledge and practical skills for responding to medical emergencies. For learners entering close protection, it provides a valuable first response foundation alongside the protective security programme.

Professional protection requires more than an awareness of security threats. An operative may encounter illness or injury during an assignment, making a calm approach, effective communication and an understanding of their own training and responsibilities particularly valuable.

Horizon offers FREC Level 3 as a standalone five-day course or as part of the FREC and Close Protection package. Where scheduled together, the first-aid training takes place before the CP course so that successful learners can progress with the required evidence.

Already hold a first-aid qualification?

Send the team the qualification title, awarding organisation and expiry date before booking. Horizon will check whether it meets the current CP entry requirement and has sufficient validity. You may be able to select the 18-day CP course without repeating first-aid training.

A clear professional scope

FREC Level 3 is a first response qualification. It does not qualify you as a paramedic. Future medical duties depend on your competence, qualification scope, employer requirements and any further training or supervision.



4 DAYS / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hostile Environment Close Protection Operative

The HECPO programme is designed for qualified Close Protection Operatives who want to develop their understanding of elevated threat environments in the UK or overseas. It builds on core CP training and explores the additional considerations associated with challenging and unfamiliar locations.

Experienced instructors combine classroom learning with realistic practical exercises in a purpose-built urban training environment. A significant proportion of the programme is practical, developing communication, leadership, teamwork and decision-making under pressure.

Who can attend?

You must hold a recognised Close Protection qualification, be at least 18, communicate effectively in spoken and written English, and be capable of taking part in the practical exercises. Photographic identification may be requested. Previous operational experience is helpful, but newly qualified operatives are welcome.

Plan for active participation

Be prepared for classroom and outdoor training. HECPO is additional professional development and is not required to obtain or renew an SIA CP licence. Confirm the course-specific venue, clothing and equipment in your joining instructions.

**HECPO SYLLABUS**

Broaden your perspective. Strengthen your preparation.

The programme extends your understanding of the factors that can affect protective security work in elevated threat environments.

Threat and environment

Threats associated with hostile and high-risk settings, international terrorism and extremist activity.

Personal security

Situational awareness, personal security considerations, and kidnap, abduction and hostage awareness.

Deployment planning

Protective security planning for overseas deployments, journey management and international travel security.

Locations and context

Residential and venue security in elevated threat areas, cultural awareness and working in unfamiliar environments.

Movement and protection

Checkpoint procedures, conflict avoidance, ballistic protection and personal protective equipment.

Response and teamwork

Emergency response considerations and team-based problem solving under pressure.

Realistic scenarios and considered decisions

Exercises challenge learners to communicate, lead, contribute and review their decisions as a team. The aim is to develop a broader appreciation of operational demands and identify areas for continued professional development.

Your HECPO certificate

Successful learners receive a Horizon Hostile Environment Close Protection Operative certificate recording the training objectives achieved. This is a Horizon professional development certificate, distinct from the regulated CP and FREC qualifications.

Additional training can strengthen your professional profile for relevant roles. Employers still set their own requirements for experience, competence and deployment readiness; a course certificate alone does not establish eligibility for a particular assignment.



THE HORIZON CLOSE PROTECTION TEAM

Experience that informs your learning.

Our instructional team includes experienced Close Protection Operatives and security professionals from military, government, law enforcement and commercial backgrounds. Their collective experience includes private clients, corporate organisations, public figures and high-profile events in the UK and internationally.

Our instructors continue to operate within the security industry. Their perspective connects the qualification syllabus with the realities of professional work. Training combines classroom instruction, practical exercises, scenario-based learning and mentoring. You are encouraged to ask questions, examine assumptions and learn from constructive feedback.

The standards we expect

Technical ability matters alongside integrity, discretion, reliability and accountability. Throughout the programme, we encourage effective communication, teamwork and sound judgement under pressure. How you prepare, listen, respond to feedback and support others forms part of your professional development.

A commitment to continued improvement

Our objective is to develop capable, professional learners who can represent themselves, their clients and their employers well. Qualification is an important milestone; maintaining standards and extending your competence remain ongoing responsibilities.

**YOUR PROGRAMME OPTIONS**

Select your training package.

Each route brings together the course content and support appropriate to your starting point. Confirm the current dates, price and full inclusions with Horizon before booking.

01**Close Protection Level 3****18 DAYS**

For learners who already hold an accepted, sufficiently valid first-aid qualification.

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 CP qualification, subject to successful assessment.
- Comprehensive practical and classroom-based training.
- End of Course Report and guidance on the SIA licensing process.

02**FREC + Close Protection****23 DAYS**

Our most popular package, for learners who need first response training before progressing to CP.

- Level 3 Award in First Response Emergency Care and Pearson BTEC Level 3 CP qualification, subject to successful assessment.
- Practical scenario-based learning across the combined programme.
- End of Course Report and guidance on the SIA licensing process.

03**HECPO****4 DAYS**

For qualified CP operatives seeking broader professional development.

- Four-day Hostile Environment Close Protection Operative programme.
- Urban exercises, hostile environment awareness and team scenarios.
- Horizon HECPO certificate recording the training objectives achieved.

04**Complete training package****27 DAYS**

For learners seeking a combined route through all three programmes.

- FREC Level 3, Close Protection Level 3 and HECPO.
- CP End of Course Report, post-course guidance and support.
- A structured development pathway particularly relevant to military transition and learners planning a broader security career.

**RENFREW / NEAR GLASGOW AIRPORT**

A convenient base for focused learning.

THE NORMANDY HOTEL

Inchinnan Road
Renfrew
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- Approximately one mile from Glasgow Airport.
- Around five minutes by road, depending on traffic.
- Free on-site parking and convenient M8 connections.
- Access from Glasgow city centre and surrounding areas.

The Normandy Hotel is Horizon's main venue for classroom-based training, providing dedicated conference facilities, dining and on-site accommodation. The professional setting allows learners to focus on their studies while keeping day-to-day arrangements convenient.

Practical exercises and specialist programmes may use other locations. In particular, HECPO includes a purpose-built urban training environment. Always use your course-specific joining instructions to confirm where and when to report.

Venue, directions and local information →



MAKE YOUR STAY WORK FOR YOU

Accommodation & essentials.

A comfortable base and straightforward travel arrangements help you arrive ready to learn, particularly when attending a combined programme.

Staying at The Normandy Hotel

Accommodation is booked and paid for separately from your course. Learners may be able to access Horizon delegate rates, subject to availability. Contact the hotel directly for the current rate, room options and booking conditions.

When making your reservation, explain that you are attending a Horizon training course. Confirm what is included in the rate, the dates covered, any breakfast arrangement and the hotel's cancellation or amendment terms.

Hotel reservations

reservations@thenormandyhotel.co.uk

Mention Horizon when enquiring about any available delegate rates.

Alternative accommodation

The surrounding area offers hotels, guest houses, serviced apartments and short-term rental properties. Choose an option that suits your budget and preferences, taking account of travel time, parking and the reporting times in your joining instructions. Confirm your course dates before making travel or accommodation commitments.

Catering and local amenities

The Normandy Hotel offers breakfast, lunch, evening meals and refreshments. Nearby restaurants, cafés, supermarkets, takeaway outlets and convenience stores provide further choice. Meals and refreshments should be budgeted separately unless your booking confirmation expressly states otherwise.

Plan the full period you will be away

Check whether you need to arrive the evening before the first day, how the training days are scheduled and whether there is any gap between courses in your package. For practical or off-site sessions, follow the specific arrangements provided by Horizon.

If you are unsure about your arrangements, contact training@horizon.uk.com before booking and we will help you identify the information you need.

**MILITARY RESETTLEMENT**

Put your next step on a sound footing.

ELCAS

APPROVED LEARNING PROVIDER

5805

Horizon Security Solutions Ltd is an approved provider under the Ministry of Defence Enhanced Learning Credits scheme. Eligible serving personnel and veterans may use ELC funding towards approved training, subject to the scheme's rules and their individual entitlement.

Horizon offers approved FREC Level 3 and Close Protection training options. Check the exact course and current listing, your eligibility and the permitted claim before committing to a booking. Do not assume that every element of a combined package is eligible.

01 Discuss your route

Contact Horizon about dates, the approved course and the documentation needed for your claim. Agree reservation and deposit arrangements with the team.

02 Submit your claim in time

Follow the ELCAS process and obtain the required authorisation before training starts. Allow sufficient time for your claim to be processed.

03 Confirm your authorisation

Provide your Claim Authorisation Note (CAN) and confirm the approved amount, course and dates with Horizon.

04 Arrange your contribution

Pay the required personal contribution before the course begins. ELC funding normally requires at least 20% personal contribution; budget separately for costs outside the approved claim.

05 Begin your programme

Horizon invoices the Ministry of Defence for the approved contribution once training has commenced, following the applicable process.

Our team has experience supporting military learners through resettlement and can help with course documentation. Scheme eligibility and claim approval remain with the relevant authorities. [Official ELCAS guidance →](#)

**KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BOOKING**

Training, support and practical arrangements.

Your chosen programme determines the exact inclusions. We will help you understand the training route, current price and booking requirements before you reserve a place.

PROGRAMME-DEPENDENT INCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive classroom instruction and practical scenario-based exercises.
- Assessment and certification fees for the agreed programme.
- Regulated qualifications and course certificates, where applicable and successfully achieved.
- Course materials and learning resources.
- Experienced operational instructors, individual feedback and mentoring.
- An End of Course Report for CP learners.
- Guidance on the SIA licensing process.
- Post-course support and career advice.
- Industry insight, networking opportunities and employment guidance.
- Appropriate access to industry contacts and introductions.
- Complimentary on-site parking at the main venue.
- Access to hotel delegate rates when available; accommodation is booked separately.

Plan the total cost

Allow for accommodation, meals, travel and any SIA licence application fee unless your written quotation states that a cost is included. Ask about any relevant reassessment or additional charges before booking. Current dates and prices are available from Horizon.

Payment options and booking terms

Flexible payment options may be available on selected programmes, subject to eligibility and current availability. Confirm any arrangement in advance and read the terms that apply to your booking, including deposit, payment, cancellation and transfer provisions.

If your plans change

Contact Horizon as early as possible. A transfer may be possible subject to availability and the applicable Terms and Conditions. Ensure that you receive and read the joining instructions; tell us promptly if they have not arrived.

Course dates and prices / Request booking terms

**BEYOND COURSE COMPLETION**

Build your professional future.

Close protection offers varied settings and career directions, but entry into work depends on more than a certificate. Employers consider qualifications, relevant experience, professional attitude, location, availability and the requirements of the assignment.

Horizon remains available to provide guidance as you take your next steps. Support can include CV development, interview preparation, professional development advice, networking, industry expectations and general career planning within security.

Present your experience clearly

Think about the evidence you can offer an employer: your training, previous responsibilities, communication skills, reliability and ability to work with others. Military, emergency service and civilian experience can all provide relevant examples when explained in the context of the role you are seeking.

Keep developing and stay realistic

Use your End of Course Report to identify priorities for improvement and continuing professional development. Industry contacts and appropriate introductions may be available to learners who demonstrate professionalism, competence and commitment. Employment and a particular level of earnings cannot be guaranteed.

Earnings vary with experience, employer, location, the role and its risk profile. Further training and operational experience can broaden your options, but each opportunity should be assessed on its own requirements and terms.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS / 01**

Getting started.

Straightforward answers to the questions learners most often ask before booking.

Do I need any previous military or security experience?

No. The full Close Protection Level 3 course welcomes learners from all backgrounds. Military, law enforcement or security experience can be useful, but it is not required. A willingness to learn, engage with practical work and meet the course standards is essential.

Do I need a first-aid qualification?

Yes. CP entry requires an accepted Level 3 first-aid qualification or equivalent with at least 12 months remaining at the start of training. FREC Level 3 is one option. If you need it, Horizon can offer FREC before CP within a combined package; send us details of any existing certificate first.

Will completing the course automatically give me an SIA licence?

No. Successful qualification achievement supports your application. You must apply separately to the Security Industry Authority and satisfy its identity, criminality and other eligibility requirements. Horizon can guide you through the process, but the licensing decision belongs to the SIA.

Is there a limit on student numbers?

Yes. We deliberately restrict course numbers to support a high-quality learning environment, meaningful practical participation and appropriate instructor feedback. Contact us about availability on the dates you are considering.

What level of English is required?

You must be able to understand instruction and communicate effectively in spoken and written English. This is necessary for learning, completing assessments and communicating professionally in a CP role. Discuss any concern about the requirement before booking.

What level of fitness is required?

There is no formal fitness test, but you must be capable of participating in practical exercises. Close protection can be physically demanding. Contact Horizon before booking if you have questions about the activities, accessibility or support you may need.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS / 02**

Booking and practicalities.

Can I obtain an SIA licence if I have a criminal record?

Possibly. The SIA considers relevant criminality information under its published criteria. The nature of an offence, the sentence and the time elapsed can affect the decision. Check the official SIA guidance before committing to training if you are uncertain; Horizon cannot guarantee the outcome of an application.

Can I use ELCAS funding?

Eligible learners may use Enhanced Learning Credits towards approved programmes. Horizon is Approved Learning Provider 5805. Confirm your entitlement and the exact approved course, and obtain the required claim authorisation before training begins. Our team can help with course information and supporting documentation.

Do you offer payment options?

Flexible arrangements may be available for selected programmes, subject to eligibility and current availability. Please contact the team before booking to discuss the options and the terms that apply. Do not assume that different discounts, funding arrangements or offers can be combined.

Can I change my course dates after booking?

A transfer may be possible, subject to availability and the Terms and Conditions applying to your booking. Contact Horizon as early as possible so we can explain the options. Check any separate travel or accommodation amendment conditions as well.

What should I wear and bring to the course?

Your joining instructions explain the required clothing, equipment, identification, reporting times and venue arrangements. Read the instructions for each course you have booked, particularly if attending a combined programme. Contact us if anything is unclear or if you have not received them.

Is accommodation included?

No. Accommodation is arranged and paid for separately. Delegate rates may be available at The Normandy Hotel, subject to availability; mention Horizon when contacting reservations. Hotels, guest houses, apartments and other nearby options allow you to choose a stay that suits your budget.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS / 03**

Assessment and your future.

Will I receive feedback during the course?

Yes. Instructors provide ongoing guidance, coaching and feedback. CP learners also receive a detailed End of Course Report summarising performance and identifying areas for future development. Use that feedback to plan further learning and strengthen your professional practice.

What employment opportunities are available following qualification?

Opportunities depend on qualifications, experience, professional attitude, geographical location and willingness to continue developing. Horizon offers advice, industry insight and networking support. Appropriate introductions may be available to learners who demonstrate competence and commitment, but employment cannot be guaranteed.

What support do you provide after the course?

We remain available to provide guidance on CV development, interview preparation, continuing professional development, networking, industry expectations and career progression. Our aim is to help you make informed decisions and present your skills professionally as you pursue opportunities.

How much can a Close Protection Operative earn?

There is no single reliable figure for every operative. Earnings vary significantly with experience, location, employer, responsibilities and risk profile. Continuing to develop qualifications, skills and operational experience can widen your options, but a course does not guarantee a particular role, rate or income.

Is passing the course guaranteed?

No. Every learner must meet the required assessment standards. Our instructors provide extensive support throughout the programme, and additional support or reassessment may be available where appropriate. Ask the team to explain the arrangements and any applicable charges if further assessment is needed.

What if I have additional questions?

Please contact training@horizon.uk.com. We can help you discuss course suitability, entry evidence, current dates and prices, funding, accommodation and practical arrangements. You do not need to have every detail worked out before getting in touch.

**FROM ENQUIRY TO TRAINING**

Take the next step with confidence.

01 Review dates and availability

Choose the course or package that fits your existing qualifications and the direction you want to take.

02 Discuss suitability with Horizon

Check first-aid evidence, entry requirements, any learning needs and the funding or payment route you intend to use.

03 Reserve your place

Confirm the booking terms, required payments and any funding authorisation. Read your joining instructions before arranging attendance.

04 Complete training and assessment

Participate fully, use instructor feedback and demonstrate the required knowledge and practical standards.

05 Apply for your SIA licence, where applicable

Submit your separate application when the relevant qualification and eligibility requirements are met.

06 Continue developing

Use your End of Course Report, build experience and pursue opportunities with an ongoing commitment to professional standards.

USEFUL LINKS

Course dates & prices →

Venue & travel →

Joining instructions →

Request booking terms →

SIA training & first-aid requirements →

Official ELCAS claim guidance →

Qualification information: **Pearson BTEC Level 3 Close Protection**. Current licensing and funding guidance should be checked before applying. Existing licence holders should ask about the appropriate renewal or refresher route.



YOUR NEXT CHAPTER STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION

Ready to move forward?

Whether you are entering the profession, transitioning from service or extending your existing skills, our team is here to help you choose a training route with purpose.

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