Routes to Qualification as a Probation Officer

Apply for Probation Officer Posts

PQiP - 15 Month Pathway
- Candidates whose qualification includes 3 or 4 required knowledge modules will undertake this pathway
- Completion of a vocational qualification and academic study whilst employed as a probation practitioner leads to an HE qualification at level 6 and to the PQiP

PQiP - 21 Month Pathway
- Candidates whose qualification covers less than 3 of the required knowledge modules will undertake this pathway
- Completion of all outstanding required knowledge modules (initial 6 months)
- Completion of a vocational qualification and academic study whilst employed as a probation practitioner leads to an HE qualification at level 6 and to the PQiP

Qualification validation process

Apply for the PQiP

Complete a level 5 qualification with an approved university that includes the four required knowledge modules:
1. The Criminal Justice System
2. Crime & Criminal Behaviour
3. Penal Policy & the Punishment of Offenders
4. The Rehabilitation of Offenders

Complete level 4 reflective assignment/s with an approved university

Level 3 Diploma in Probation Practice or a related vocational qualification
Relevant level 4 vocational qualification or apprenticeship
Qualification at level 5 or above (e.g. Dip HE, honours degree, higher apprenticeship etc)

Experience of working with people exhibiting challenging behaviour

Key
- Skills
- Knowledge
- Experience

‘Level’ above refers to the level of the qualification in both the previous Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and the new Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)