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APPENDIX 1 TO  
 ANNEX B TO GAI 1058

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR ACCELERATED INCREMENTAL PROGRESSION (AIP) – RAF**

1. To determine how and when an individual can progress up the incremental pay range within a rank through the attainment of specific qualifications, refer to JSP 754 Chapter 3 Section 6.
2. RAF AIP was initially established to link pay incentives with the SDR policy for personal development. Whilst retaining the existing scheme to encourage and reward the attainment of Trade relevant civilian qualifications, the remit can now, under certain circumstances, be widened to include significant Service courses. This broadening of the existing criteria recognises the difficulty certain Trades may experience releasing individuals for personal development, for example, during periods of sustained high operational tempo, as well as providing an additional incentive to attend particular Trade courses.
3. Trade Sponsors who wish to make a case for the inclusion of specific Service courses to be used for AIP are to apply to Manpower Structures (Fg or Ground), HQ Air Cmd, detailing the proposed course(s), justification, the perceived benefit to the Trade and the estimated annual take-up of the award. Individual Trade Sponsors remain responsible for approving trade specific civilian qualifications, which may then qualify for AIP under the existing authorisation route. These qualifications recognise where the individual has demonstrated the principles of personal development, and are normally to include an element of individual personal study, away from the workplace. AIP should not, for example, be given for awards that are obtained by simply paying a membership fee or for qualifications gained wholly through attendance of Service training courses (para 2 excepted). Support and advice on the equivalency of relevant external qualifications and the accreditation of base qualifications is available from 22 Gp (SO2 Accreditation).
4. Unit HR Staff are responsible for giving initial advice to individuals on the award of AIP (the relevant JPA Business Process Guide refers and should be followed to action an approved AIP) and should assist where a case has to be submitted to Trade Sponsors (listed at Annex D) for relevancy or equivalency (the case should be made in writing with copies of supporting certificates).
5. The Minimum Qualification Requirement which may be used as pay incentive at each level are shown below by Trade Group, Trades within groups and rank. DD Manpower Strategy, HQ Air Cmd, retains an overall governance role and is responsible for ensuring that Trade Sponsors review annually the qualifications that may be used for AIP (Terms of Reference reflect this requirement).

Trade Group	1 and 2	Trade	All Trades
Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)	Trade Groups 1 & 2 ab-initio SAC Technicians registered on the BTEC NC.  The only AIP acceptable for individuals in this group is the Basic Training-sponsored BTEC NC.  Trade Group 1 ab-initio A Tech M and A Tech Av:		

	<p>The only AIP acceptable for individuals in this group is the Basic Training-sponsored NVQ Level 3.</p> <p><b>Eng Tech W (Registered on the BTEC NA during BT):</b></p> <p>The only AIP acceptable for individuals in this group is the Basic Training-sponsored NVQ Level 3 qualification.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Trade related BTEC/SCOTVEC NC or equivalent.</p> <p><b>Trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 qualification include:</b></p> <p>Aircraft Engineering Maintenance. Engineering Maintenance.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Level 3 educational equivalencies include:</b></p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in engineering, management, science or technology; BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in engineering, management, science or technology;</p> <p>Other awards/qualifications arising from Service-supplied/funded courses are inadmissible. Applications using a Level 3 qualification/award not listed above are to be referred to the Trade Sponsor.</p>
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	<p><b>Engineering, management, science or technology qualification/award at National Level 3.</b></p> <p>Level 3 qualifications include:</p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column)</p> <p>Other awards/qualifications arising from Service-supplied/funded courses are inadmissible. Applications using a Level 3 qualification/award not listed above are to be referred to the Trade Sponsor.</p>
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or Trade Related S/NVQ Level 4 qualification or equivalent.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's License, including a License without Type Rating (provided it is to BCAR Section L or JAR/EASA Part 66 Cat B standard; it extends significantly outside of normal trade boundaries and has not previously been used for AIP. Proof required of additional training undertaken to gain License required on application for AIP)</p> <p><b>Management or Trade related S/NVQs Level 4 qualifications Include:</b></p> <p>Engineering, Supervisory Management, Training and Development, Quality or Project Management, Health &amp; Safety, Business Administration, Information Technology.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Level 4 educational equivalencies include:</b></p> <p>BSc, BEng or Master Degrees (any degree acceptable for commissioning into the Engineer Branch is admissible for AIP); OU Diploma in Physics; OU Diploma in Design and Innovation; OU Diploma in Computing; OU Diploma in Information Technology; BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Engineering (including HNCs gained from AFT); BTEC/SCOTVEC HND in Engineering; BTEC/SCOTVEC Continuing Education Certificate in Management Studies;</p>

	<p>City &amp; Guilds Certificate in Quality Control; City &amp; Guilds Further and Adult Education Teachers' Certificate; Certificate/Diploma of Education</p> <p>Other awards/qualifications arising from Service-supplied/funded courses are inadmissible. Applications using a Level 4 qualification/award not listed above are to be referred to the Trade Sponsor.</p>		
<b>Q - PI - D</b> (all ranks)	<p>A management or Trade Related S/NVQ Level 4 qualification or equivalent.</p> <p>See Q-PI-C column</p> <p>Other awards/qualifications arising from Service-supplied/funded courses are inadmissible. Applications using a Level 4 qualification/award not listed above are to be referred to the Trade Sponsor.</p>		
<b>Trade Group</b>	3	Trade	All Trades
<b>Q-PI-A</b> (SAC and Jnr Tech only)	<p>Trade related S/NVQ Level 3</p> <p>or</p> <p>Trade related National Level 3 qualification.</p> <p>Trade related S/NVQ's (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</p> <p>S/NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Maintenance. S/NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Maintenance - Communications Electronics. S/NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Maintenance - Telemetry.</p> <p>Acceptable National Level 3 Qualifications (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Engineering. BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Science. BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering. BTEC/ SCOTVEC ND in Engineering Science.</p>		
<b>Q-PI-B</b> (Cpl Only)	<p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 (provided it has not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>S/NVQ D32/D33 or A1</p> <p>or</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC NC/Diploma or equivalent or above in a management or trade-related subject (provided it has not previously been used for AIP).</p> <p>Trade-related S/NVQ's include:</p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column)</p> <p>Acceptable National Level 3 Qualifications include:</p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column).</p>		
<b>Q-PI-C</b> (Sgt Only)	<p>Management, Business Administration or trade-related S/NVQ Level 4 (including an S/NVQ Level 4 incorporating D32/33 or A1 and D34 or V1, provided the D32/33 or A1 and D34 or V1 have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p>		

	<p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 with, in addition, D32/D33 or A1 (provided they have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>D32/33 or A1 and D34 or V1 (provided they have not previously been used for AIP).</p> <p>or</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC or equivalent or above in management or trade-related subject (provided they have not previously been used for AIP).</p> <p>or</p> <p>City &amp; Guilds Licentiate, provided it has been awarded by the City &amp; Guilds Institute based on a National Level 3 qualification (that has not previously been used for AIP).</p> <p><b>Acceptable educational equivalencies (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</b></p> <p>BSc, BEng or Master Degrees (any degree acceptable for commissioning into the Engineer Branch).</p> <p>OU Diploma in Physics.</p> <p>OU Diploma in Design and Innovation.</p> <p>OU Diploma in Computing.</p> <p>OU Diploma in Information Technology.</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Engineering.</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Computing.</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC HND in Engineering.</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC Continuing Education Certificate in Management Studies.</p> <p>City &amp; Guilds Certificate in Quality Control.</p> <p>City &amp; Guilds Further and Adult Education Teachers Certificate/Diploma if Education.</p>		
<b>Q-PI-D (all ranks)</b>	See Q-PI-C column.		
<b>Trade Group</b>	4	Trades	All
<p>As the TG4 assimilation programme draws to a close, a revised AIP list specifically for TG4 personnel will be published in the near future.</p> <p>Personnel assimilated to TG4 from TGs 3 and 11 may as a transitional arrangement, apply the AIP criteria previously applicable to TG3 and 11(TCO/TCC) until TG4 specific AIPs are introduced.</p>			
<b>Trade Group</b>	5 and 6	Trades	Gen Mech/Tech GSE, Gen Tech M, Gen Mech/Tech E, Gen Mech/Tech WS, MT Mech/Tech, Gen Eng Tech
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)</b>	<p>Basic Trade Sponsored S/NVQ Level 2 or Level 3.</p> <p>The <b>only</b> AIP acceptable for individuals in this group is the Basic Training-sponsored NVQ.</p> <p>TG5 (Gen Tech E, GSE, WS) personnel who commenced a Further Training (FT) course between 01 Apr 90 and 31 Mar 99, who hold a City and Guilds Part 2 Certificate in Engineering leading from Basic or Further Training (and do not hold an NVQ level 3, or City and Guilds Part 3 Certificate in Engineering). were attested into the Service between 01 Apr 90 and 31 Mar 99, who hold a City and Guilds Part 2 Certificate in Engineering leading from Basic or Further Training (and who do not hold an NVQ level 3, or City and Guilds Part 3 Certificate in Engineering), may use</p>		

	<p>the City and Guilds Part 2 Certificate in Engineering for either Q-PI-A or Q-PI-B</p> <p>or</p> <p>Trade related S/NVQ Level 3 or equivalent (Except Technical Certificates sponsored through Basic Training).</p> <p><b>Trade related S/NVQs include:</b></p> <p>S/NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Maintenance (for Gen Tech M and Gen Mech/Tech GSE);  S/NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Production (for Gen Mech/Tech WS);  S/NVQ Level 3 in Engineering Material Processing (for Gen Tech/Mech WS);  S/NVQ Level 3 in Vehicle Maintenance and repair (for MT Mech/Tech)</p> <p><b>Acceptable educational equivalencies include:</b></p> <p>City and Guilds Part 3 Certificate in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Science;  BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering Science</p>		
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	<p>Management or Trade Related S/NVQ Level 3 qualification or equivalent.</p> <p>Management or Trade related S/NVQs Level 3 qualifications include:  (see Q-PI-A column)</p> <p><b>Acceptable Level 3 educational equivalencies include:</b>  (see Q-PI-A column)</p>		
<b>Trade Group</b>	5 and 6	<b>Trades</b>	Gen Mech/Tech GSE, Gen Mech/Tech E, Gen Mech/Tech WS, MT Mech/Tech, Gen Tech
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or Trade Related S/NVQ Level 4 Level 4 qualification or equivalent.</p> <p>or</p> <p>City and Guilds Licentiateship, provided it has been awarded by the City and Guilds Institute supported by a National Level 3 qualification that has not previously been used for AIP</p> <p><b>Management or Trade related S/NVQs Level 4 qualifications include:</b></p> <p>Engineering, Supervisory Management, Training and Development, Quality or Project Management, Health &amp; Safety, Business Administration, Information Technology.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Level 4 educational equivalencies include:</b></p> <p>BSc, BEng or Master Degrees (any degree acceptable for commissioning into the Engineer Branch is admissible for AIP);  OU Diploma in Physics;  OU Diploma in Design and Innovation;  OU Diploma in Computing;  OU Diploma in Information Technology;  BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Engineering(including HNCs gained from AFT);  BTEC/SCOTVEC HND in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC Continuing Education Certificate in Management Studies;  City &amp; Guilds Certificate in Quality Control;  City &amp; Guilds Further and Adult Education Teachers' Certificate;  Certificate /Diploma of Education</p>		

<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	Management or Trade Related S/NVQ Level 4 qualification or equivalent. See Q-PI-C column		
<b>Trade Group</b>	5	<b>Trades</b>	AI Erect
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC only)</b>	<p>Basic Training-sponsored NVQ Level 2 in Installing and Maintaining Aerial Equipment and Associated Feeders and TATs 1 Parts A &amp; B</p> <p>or</p> <p>Trade-related or National Level 3 qualification</p> <p><b>Acceptable National Level 3 Qualifications (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</b></p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Science;  BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering Science</p>		
<b>Q – PI – B Cpl only)</b>	<p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 or National Level 3 qualification (providing it has not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>S/NVQ D32/D33 or A1</p> <p><b>Trade-related S/NVQs include:</b></p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column)</p> <p><b>Acceptable National Level 3 Qualifications include:</b></p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column)</p>		
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 4 (including an S/NVQ Level 4 incorporating D32/33 or A1 and 34 or V1, providing the D32/33 or A1 and D34 or V1 have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 with, in addition, D32/D33 (provided they have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>D32/33 or A1 and D34 or V1 (provided they have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC or equivalent or above in management or trade-related subject (provided it has not been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>City and Guilds Licentiate ship, provided it has been awarded by the City and Guilds Institute based on a National Level 3 qualification (that has not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p><b>Acceptable educational equivalencies (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</b></p>		

	<p>BSc, BEng or Master Degrees (any degree acceptable for commissioning into the Engineer Branch);          OU Diploma in Physics;          OU Diploma in Design and Innovation;          OU Diploma in Computing;          OU Diploma in Information Technology;          BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Engineering;          BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Computing;          BTEC/SCOTVEC HND in Engineering;          BTEC/SCOTVEC Continuing Education Certificate in Management Studies;          City &amp; Guilds Certificate in Quality Control; City &amp; Guilds Further and Adult Education Teachers' Certificate;          Certificate /Diploma of Education</p>		
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	See Q-PI-C column		
<b>Trade Group</b>	6	Trades	Logistics (Driver)
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)</b>	<p>Trade related Foundation Modern Apprenticeship (FMA) or Trade related S/NVQ Level 2 for those graduating basic training prior to introduction of FMA.</p> <p>Trade related S/NVQs include:</p> <p>Transporting Goods by Road.          Customer Services.          Business Administration.          Information Technology (Any).          Lift Truck Operations.          Team Leader.          Organising Road Transport Operations.</p> <p>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC First Certificate/Diploma in a Trade related subject.</p> <p>Acceptable Professional Equivalencies:</p> <p>Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport Certificate.          Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) in National or International Road Haulage/PCV. (Only one CPC may be used for AIP, regardless of how many modules held).</p> <p>Any other Trade related qualification deemed appropriate by the Trade Sponsor.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	<p>Management or Trade related S/NVQ Level 3 or Equivalent.</p> <p>Trade related S/NVQs Include:</p> <p>Performing Road Haulage &amp; Distribution Operations.          Customer Services.          Supervisory Management.          Training &amp; Development (Any).          Quality Management.          Computer Services.          Information Technology (Any).          Project Management.          Business Administration.</p> <p>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</p>		

	<p>BTEC/SCOTVEC National Certificate/Diploma in a Management or Trade related subject.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Professional Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport Certificate.  Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) in National or International Road Haulage/PCV. (Only one CPC may be used for AIP, regardless of how many modules held).</p> <p>Any other trade related qualification deemed appropriate by the Trade Sponsor.</p>
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or Trade related S/NVQ Level 4 or Equivalent.</p> <p><b>Trade related S/NVQs include:</b></p> <p>Management.  Training &amp; Development (Any).  Quality Management.  Project Management.  Business Administration.  Health &amp; Safety (Any).</p> <p><b>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma in a Management or Trade related subject.</p> <p>Degree in Trade or Management Related subject.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Professional Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport Diploma.  Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport Advanced Diploma.  Chartered Member of the Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport (MCIT).  Fellow of the Institute of Logistics &amp; Transport (FCIT).</p> <p>Any other trade related Qualification deemed appropriate by the Trade Sponsor.</p>
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	<p>Management or Trade related S/NVQ Level 4. Any other Management or Trade related Qualification Equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above that is eligible for funding via the SLC Scheme.</p> <p><b>Trade related S/NVQs include:</b></p> <p>Management.  Training &amp; Development (Any).  Quality Management.  Information Technology (Any).  Project Management.  D32/D33 Vocation Assessor (see Note 1).  D34 Internal Verifier (see Note 1).  (Note 1: Individuals must be registered with the S/NVQ Cell at DST, Leconfield Ext 5449).</p> <p><b>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>Degrees &amp; Post Graduate Qualifications in a Management or Trade related subject (Certificate &amp; Diplomas).</p>



	<b>Acceptable Professional Equivalencies:</b>  Institute of Logistics & Transport Diploma. Institute of Logistics & Transport Fellowship (FCIT). Institute of Logistics & Transport Advanced Diploma. MSc in Logistics or Passenger Transport Management. Chartered Member of the Institute of Logistics & Transport.  Any other trade related qualification deemed appropriate by the Trade Sponsor.		
<b>Trade Group</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Trades</b>	<b>Gunner</b>
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)</b>	Apprenticeship in Public Service at S/NVQ Level 2  Qualification equivalent to GCSE Grade C or higher in a Trade related subject (see Notes).  Mor Std Cse (48 days) Basic Sniper (45 days) CPS (45 days) BOWMAN Adv Signaller (17 days) Sect Cdrs Battle Cse (40 days) IBDs Crew Member/Operator ( <i>cse now DSAT compliant</i> )(40 days)  <b>Notes:</b>  <b>Trade related subject areas are as follows:</b>  1. Security; Defence Studies; International Relations; IT; Communication Studies; Management; Education; Teaching or Training; Combined Sciences; Natural Sciences; Biology or Chemistry; Physics, Maths or Electronics; English or Foreign Languages; Health & Fitness; Medical; Transportation. 2. Management related qualifications include the following broad subject areas at the appropriate levels: H&S; QA or TQM; Transport; Security; Training. 3. All qualifications must have been attained after attestation. 4. Reserved. 5. The equivalent level of qualification will be determined using the National Framework of Qualifications. 6. Qualifications can only be used once to gain AIP. 7. The TG8 (Gnr) Trade Sponsor reserves the right to adjudicate on the applicability of trade related subjects and the relevance of individual subjects to the TG.		
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	S/NVQ Level 3, or qualification equivalent to A Level Grade 'E' or higher, in Management or approved trade related subjects (see Notes). A1 Assessor Award. AIP awarded on successful completion of A1 competency plus completion of 5 assessed and verified portfolios.  Sect Cdrs Battle Cse (40 days) Pln Sgts Battle Cse (25 days) Mor A & B (Adv – 44 days, Standard – 49 days) Sniper Sect Cdr (35 days) JWI (40 days) NBCI (15 days) FAC All Arms Commando Cold weather warfare instr Lt Role Close Recce Cdrs Cse (35 days) All arms search cse ( <i>For RAF Regt Pt 1 – 15 days, Pt 2 – 10 days</i> ) Drill Instructor (RAF) (15 days)		
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	S/NVQ Level 4, or equivalent, in Management or approved trade related subject (see Notes).		

	<p>V1 Internal Verifiers Award. AIP awarded on successful completion of V1 competency plus completion of 5 internally verified portfolios.</p> <p>Pln Sgts Battle Cse (25 days)  Mor A &amp; B (Adv – 44 days, Standard – 49 days)  Sniper Sect Cdr (35 days)  JWI (40 days)  NBCI (15 days)  FAC  All Arms Commando BOWMAN System Manager (20 days)  Unit Search Advisor (Pt 1 – 15 days, Pt 2 – 10 days)  Drill Instructor (RAF) (15 days)  All Arms Drill Instructor (28 days)  NATO &amp; UN FIBUA Inst Cse  Cold Weather Warfare Instr  Defence Cell Controller (15 days)</p>		
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	<p>Any other approved management or trade related qualification equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above that is eligible for funding via the SLC Scheme (see Notes).</p> <p>Q-P-A/B/C  All arms search cse (For RAF Regt Pt 1 – 15 days, Pt 2 – 10 days)  PPSC (15 days)  QCS Cere Trg Cse (20 days)</p>		
<b>Trade Group</b>	8	<b>Trades</b>	RAF Police
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)</b>	<p>Trade related S/NVQ Level 2.  Providing Security Services Level 2 NVQ.  Police and Security Services (PSS) NVQ Level 2.  Animal Care NVQ Level 2.  Administration NVQ Level 2.  Security Guarding NVQ Level 2.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	<p>Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 3.  Certificate in Security Management Level 1.  Information Technology NVQ Level 3.  City and Guilds in Crime Prevention.  Using IT NVQ Level 3.  A1 Assessor Award.  AIP awarded on successful completion of A1 competency plus completion of 5 assessed and verified portfolios.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 4.  InfoSec Training Paths and Competencies Scheme (ITPC) (Certificate of InfoSec Competency)  V1 Internal Verifiers Award. AIP awarded on successful completion of V1 competency plus completion of 5 internally verified portfolios.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	<p>Level 3 Investigators Course (CN: 3198) upon completion of pre-course distance learning package and subsequent award of the competency Q-P-L3IC.  NVQ Level 4 in management or trade related qualification or equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above that is eligible for funding via the SLC Scheme.  Certificate in Security Management Level 2.  Diploma in Scientific Support Skills.  MSc Information Technology Security.  BSc(Hons) Criminal Justice Studies.  BSc(Hons) in Social Sciences.  BSc(Hons) Technology.  Fd(Sc) Canine Behaviour and Training.</p>		
<b>Trade Group</b>	8	<b>Trades</b>	Firefighter

<b>Q – PI – A</b> <b>(SAC and Jnr</b> <b>Tech only)</b>	Advanced Modern Apprenticeship or S/NVQ Level 3 in Firefighting Operations. Other S/NVQs, Level 2 or 3, in a subject with relevance to trade or of benefit to Service as approved by the Trade Sponsor.		
<b>Q – PI – B</b> <b>(Cpl only)</b>	Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 3 (other than S/NVQ Level 3 for SAC) or election to Institution of Fire Engineers at Intermediate level.  Other qualifications of benefit to the trade or RAF as approved by the Trade Sponsor.		
<b>Q – PI – C</b> <b>(Sgt only)</b>	Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 4. Other qualifications of benefit to the trade or RAF as approved by the Trade Sponsor. Membership of the Institute of Supervisory Management (MISM).		
<b>Q – PI – D</b> <b>(all ranks)</b>	Election to Membership or Graduate of the Institution of Fire Engineers. Other qualifications of benefit to the trade or RAF as approved by the Trade Sponsor.		
<b>Trade Group</b>	9	<b>Trades</b>	<b>All Trades</b>
<b>Q – PI – A</b> <b>(SAC)</b>	<p>Trade related S/NVQ Level 2 or Apprenticeship.</p> <p><b>Trade related subjects include:</b></p> <p>Providing Aviation Operations On The Ground. Providing Safe Airside Operations (Airports). Supporting Aircraft Operations. Customers Services. Using ITQ. Operating IT Systems. Developing IT Programs. Installing &amp; Supporting IT Systems. IT Services – Customer Systems Support. Processing Information Using Telecommunication.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC First Certificate/Diploma in a trade related subject.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Professional Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>City &amp; Guilds Aviation Foundation Studies Course.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – B</b> <b>(Cpl only)</b>	<p>Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 3 or DN32/33 (A1 as of 31 Dec 03) provided they have not previously been used towards AIP.</p> <p>Other qualifications of benefit to the trade or RAF as approved by the Trade Sponsor.</p> <p><b>Trade/Management related subjects include:</b></p> <p>Controlling Aircraft Operations. Controlling Airport Operations. Developing IT Systems. Installing and Supporting IT Systems. IT Services – Customer Response Centre. IT Services – Customer Systems Support. Customer Services. Operating IT Systems. Using ITQ. Learning and Development.</p>		

	<p>Direct Training &amp; Support. Management.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC National Certificate/Diploma in a trade related subject.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Professional Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>City &amp; Guilds Advanced Courses in Airline and Airport Operations.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 4 or DN32/33 (A1 as at 31 Dec 03) and D34 (V1 as at 31 Dec 03) provided they have not previously been used towards AIP.</p> <p>Other qualifications of benefit to the trade or RAF as approved by the Trade Sponsor.</p> <p><b>Trade/Management related subject include:</b></p> <p>Controlling Aircraft Operations. Controlling Airport Operations. Developing IT Systems. Learning Development. Co-Ordination of Learning &amp; Development (Human Resources). Management of Learning &amp; Development. IT Services – Customer Systems Support. Managing IT Systems. Management.</p> <p><b>Acceptable Educational Equivalencies:</b></p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma in a trade related subject.</p>		
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	<p>Any other management or trade related qualification equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or DN32/33 (A1 as at 31 Dec 03) and DN34 (V1 as at 31 Dec 03) provided they have not previously been used towards AIP.</p> <p>Other qualifications of benefit to the trade or RAF as approved by the Trade Sponsor.</p> <p><b>Trade/Management related subjects include:</b></p> <p>Strategy of Learning &amp; Development. Operational Management. Project Management.</p>		
<b>Trade Group</b>	10	<b>Trades</b>	RAF PTI
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)</b>	N/A.		
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	<p>BTEC/SCOTVEC – National Diploma in Sports Studies. BTEC/SCOTVEC – National Diploma in Leisure Studies. University of Wolverhampton – Certificate of Education (Cert Ed). Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Leader (Summer). Scottish Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Leader (Winter). BTEC/SCOTVEC – Advanced GNVQ Leisure and Tourism. International Therapy Examination Council – Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology and Body Massage. Llandrillo College – International Health and Sports Therapy Diploma. City and Guilds – Coaching, Teaching and Instructing Level 3.</p>		

	<p>British Association of Snow Sport Instructors – Grade 2.</p> <p>Any other trade related or management qualification equivalent to S/NVQ Level 3 or above as agreed by the Trade Sponsor. (But not the same as that used by the individual to claim the award of Q-PI-D).</p>		
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Football Association – Management of Sports Injuries Diploma.</p> <p>Society of Sports Therapists – Licensing Course Advanced Diploma.</p> <p>Raworth Centre, Dorking – Management of Sports Injury.</p> <p>British Parachute Association – Category Systems Instructor.</p> <p>Scottish Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Leader (Winter).</p> <p>Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Instructors' Assessment.</p> <p>Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Instructors' Certificate.</p> <p>British Canoe Union – Level 4 Canoe Coaching Award.</p> <p>NEBS Management Level 4 or a Training and Development Lead Body S/NVQ Level 4 (Learning or Human Resource Development).</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC – Higher National Diploma in Leisure Studies.</p> <p>British Association of Snow Instructors – Grade 1.</p> <p>University of Wolverhampton – Certificate of Education (Cert Ed) or Diploma in Higher Education or Degree in Sports Studies.</p> <p>RLSS – Lifeguard Trainer Assessor.</p> <p>Any other trade related or management qualification equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above as agreed by the Trade Sponsor. (But not the same as that used by the individual to claim the award of Q-PI-B or Q-PI-D).</p>		
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	<p>Football Association – Management of Sports Injuries Diploma.</p> <p>Society of Sports Therapists – Licensing Course Advanced Diploma.</p> <p>Raworth Centre, Dorking – Management of Sports Injury.</p> <p>British Parachute Association – Category Systems Instructor Advanced Instructor.</p> <p>Scottish Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Leader (Winter).</p> <p>Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Instructors' Assessment.</p> <p>Mountain Leader Training Board – Mountain Instructors' Certificate.</p> <p>British Canoe Union – Level 4 Canoe Coaching Award.</p> <p>NEBS Management Level 4 or a Training and Development Lead Body S/NVQ Level 4 (Learning or Human Resource Development).</p> <p>BTEC/SCOTVEC – Higher National Diploma in Leisure Studies.</p> <p>British Association of Snow Sport Instructors – Grade 1.</p> <p>University of Wolverhampton – Certificate of Education (Cert Ed) or Diploma in Higher Education or Degree in Sports Studies.</p> <p>Manchester Metropolitan University – Degree in Sports Science.</p> <p>St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham – Degree in Sports Rehabilitation.</p> <p>RLSS – Lifeguard Trainer Assessor.</p> <p>D32/D33 Vocational Assessor.</p> <p>Any other trade related or management qualification equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above as agreed by the Trade Sponsor. (But not the same as that used by the individual to claim the award of Q-PI-B or Q-PI-C).</p>		
<b>Trade Group</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Trades</b>	<b>TCO and TCC</b>
<b>Q – PI – A (SAC)</b>	<p>Basic Training-sponsored S/NVQ Level 2/3 and TATs 1 Parts A and B</p> <p>or</p> <p>Trade-related National Level 3 qualification</p> <p>Trade related S/NVQs (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</p> <p>S/NVQ Level 3 in Operating and Maintaining the Performance of Telecommunications Equipment;</p> <p>S/NVQ Level 3 Communications Technologies (Network Control).</p> <p>S/NVQ Level 2 in Operating Communications Systems</p>		

	<p><b>Acceptable National Level 3 Qualifications (provided they have not previously been used for AIP) include:</b></p> <p>City and Guilds Part 3 Certificate in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC NC in Science;  BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC ND in Engineering Science</p>
<b>Q – PI – B (Cpl only)</b>	<p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 or National Level 3 qualification (provided it has not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>S/NVQ D32/D33 or A1</p> <p><b>Trade-related S/NVQs include:</b></p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column)</p> <p><b>Acceptable National Level 3 Qualifications include:</b></p> <p>(see Q-PI-A column)</p>
<b>Q – PI – C (Sgt only)</b>	<p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 4 (including an S/NVQ Level 4 incorporating D32/33 and 34, provided the D32/33 and D34 have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>Management or trade-related S/NVQ Level 3 <b>with, in addition,</b> D32/D33 (provided they have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>D32/33 or <b>and A1</b> D34 (provided they have not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p>or</p> <p>City and Guilds LicentiateShip, provided it has been awarded by the City and Guilds Institute based on a National Level 3 qualification (that has not previously been used for AIP)</p> <p><b>Acceptable educational equivalencies include:</b></p> <p>BSc, BEng or Master Degrees (any degree acceptable for commissioning into the Engineer Branch is admissible for AIP);  OU Diploma in Physics;  OU Diploma in Design and Innovation;  OU Diploma in Computing;  OU Diploma in Information Technology;  BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC HND in Engineering;  BTEC/SCOTVEC Continuing Education  Certificate in Management Studies; City &amp; Guilds Certificate in Quality Control; City &amp; Guilds Further and Adult Education Teachers' Certificate; Certificate/Diploma of Education</p>
<b>Q – PI – D (all ranks)</b>	<p>BTEC/SCOTVEC HNC in Computing.</p> <p>See Q-PI-C Column</p>

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Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)	Trade related S/NVQ Level 2 or Q-Tel-TS or Q-Tel-ACC.		
Q – PI – B (Cpl only)	Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 3 or Q-Tel-TS or Q-Tel-ACC (must be different to that used for Q-PI-A).		
Q – PI – C (Sgt only)	Trade or management related S/NVQ Level 4 or Q-Tel-TS.		
Q – PI – D (all ranks)	S/NVQ Level 4 in management or trade related qualification or equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above that is eligible for funding via the SLC Scheme.		
Trade Group	11	Trades	Int An(V)
Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)	Trade related S/NVQ Level 2 or two Q-Tel language qualifications.		
Q – PI – B (Cpl only)	Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 3 or any Q-Tel language qualification awarded in Cpl rank.		
Q – PI – C (Sgt only)	Trade or management related S/NVQ Level 4 or Q-Tel language.		
Q – PI – D (all ranks)	S/NVQ Level 4 in management or trade related qualification or equivalent to S/NVQ Level 4 or above that is eligible for funding via the SLC Scheme.		
Trade Group	12	Trades	All Trades
Q – PI – A (SAC and Jnr Tech only)	<p>1. Foundation Modern Apprenticeship (FMA) for those graduating from basic trade training on or after 28 Mar 00.</p> <p>or</p> <p>2. Trade related S/NVQ Level 2 or above in the following:</p> <p>Developing IT Programs. Installing &amp; Supporting IT Systems. IT Services – Customer Response Centre. IT Services – Customer Systems Support. Operating IT Systems. Using IT. Using IT for Tele-working.</p>		
Q – PI – B (Cpl only)	<p>1. Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 3 or above.</p> <p>2. Trade related qualification equivalent to S/NVQ Level 3 or above in the following:</p> <p>Developing IT Systems. Installing and Supporting IT Systems. IT Services – Customer Response Centre. Management (excluding Introductory Certificate to Management). Managing IT for Tele-working. Operating IT Systems. Training and Development. Using IT. A1/A2 – NVQ Assessor/IV (Only valid if A1 not already used)</p>		
Q – PI – C	1. Management or trade related S/NVQ Level 4 or above.		