Level 4 Apprenticeship in Intelligence Operations

This is an exciting, new opportunity for employees working in intelligence and operational analysis roles to gain a qualification relevant to their skill set.

The Higher Apprenticeship in Intelligence Operations is a level 4 framework, which allows candidates to study a programme that is entirely specific to their role. Previously, candidates were only able to join mainstream Business Administration or IT programmes, however they can now achieve a qualification which is both relevant and highly prestigious.

What’s more, the qualification offers parity with analysts working at the highest levels of military intelligence operations.

Delegates will receive specialist training, develop skills and techniques that will provide vital support to both public and private sectors, including local and central Government, NHS, financial services, insurance, the custodial and judicial sector, security, energy and utilities companies.

The Higher Apprenticeship now represents the highest level of nationally accredited vocational training available to those working in roles gathering and collecting data from a range of sources, both human and electronic, in order to provide effective operational analysis and high level strategic decision making.
Who is the Diploma in Intelligence Analysis suitable for?

Any role requiring the following competencies:

- Information collection planning and evaluation
- Analysing data using multiple analytical techniques
- Identifying patterns and trends within data
- Forming assessments and recommendations based on analysis
- Creating and disseminating products or reports based on the results of data analysis, such as detailed written intelligence reports, intelligence based presentations, statistical analysis products and link analysis charts

Example industries and roles

The Apprenticeship is suitable for anyone working in financial, counter fraud, risk assessment, cyber threat and trend analysis roles, such as:

- Compliance Managers
- Data Analysts
- Data Managers
- Fraud Analysts
- Intelligence Analysts
- Loss Adjustment
- Customer Insight Managers
- Research Analysts

It is relevant to those working in many public and private sectors, including:

- Banking and financial services
- Council counter fraud and tax collection
- Education
- Energy, utility, process, chemical, petrochemicals and pharmaceuticals
- HM Forces – Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy
- HM Revenue & Customs
- Insurance and debt recovery
- Intelligence Agencies – MI5 and MI6
- IT organisations dealing with cyber threats
- Police Forces
- Research facilities
- Serious Fraud Office
- UK Visa and Immigration Services
- NHS
- Custodial & Judicial sectors

What will individuals achieve?

- Level 4 Diploma in Intelligence Operations
- Level 4 Certificate in Intelligence History

What does the Diploma in Intelligence Analysis cover?

Individuals will gain advanced competencies in:

- In-depth understanding of the intelligence cycle
- Comprehensive understanding of collection methods and capabilities
- Understanding of audit trails relating to intelligence analysis
- An understanding of the security and intelligence handling requirements relating to national legislation
- Detailed analytical techniques training (theory and practical) – to include link analysis, analysis of competing hypothesis, cone of plausibility, backcasting and SWOT analysis
- Additional analytical techniques training as required by the candidate’s role
- The ability to create and disseminate products or reports based on the results of data analysis
- Training will also focus on developing the ability to effectively disseminate intelligence

The model

Intelligencia will:

- Provide Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to ascertain whether the Apprenticeship is the best training solution for the organisational need and the individual
- Carry out a full induction to explain the requirements of the Apprenticeship
- This will cover: apprentice, employer and training provider responsibilities; an off-the-job training; framework qualifications; guided learning hours; the process for review of progress and any additional support that may be needed
- Manage everything associated with the funding and the registration and certification of the qualifications
- Provide a very experienced and highly qualified sector specialist to deliver the skills workshops and support each individual through their programme
- Deliver a combination of up to 10 knowledge and skills workshops with vocational assessments (details below)
- Workshops may be delivered on employer premises or at regional centres
- Programmes will last a minimum of 12 months

What are the benefits?

- The only Apprenticeship available for individuals working in an intelligence analysis role
- The most comprehensive vocational intelligence qualification on offer in the UK
- Approved by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)
- Issued & accredited by the Skills for Justice Sector Skills Council
- Develops specific skills for a wide spectrum of roles within the public and private sector, where the gathering, classification, interpretation and dissemination of information is vitally important
- Offers parity with analysts working at the highest levels of military intelligence operations
- Recommended for intelligence analysts wishing to progress to a senior analyst position
- Intelligence analysis is becoming increasingly important to a wide range of organisations involved in fraud detection, defence, security, transnational crime, cybercrime and immigration

Knowledge and skills workshops

The workshops or sessions selected will be bespoke to the individual’s specific job.

SESSION 1
Intelligence Cycle – Preparation of Information Requirements (PESTLEC)

SESSION 2
Sources of Intelligence and Collection Planning

SESSION 3
Qualitative and Quantitative Information and Recognition of Assumption and Bias

SESSION 4
Pattern and Trend Analysis/Temporal Analysis

SESSION 5
Geospatial Trend Analysis

SESSION 6
Comparative Case Analysis

SESSION 7
SWOT and Centre of Gravity Analysis

SESSION 8
Critical Path Analysis/Cone of Plausibility Analysis

SESSION 9
Effective Dissemination

SESSION 10
Workplace Observation and Completion