

Horizon versus other training providers

Close Protection course - Comparison Document



	Close Protection Executive course & Hostile Environment Preparedness course (HEPCO)	Versus	Other training providers
Duration	22 Days: 17 days Close Protection Executive course. 5 days Hostile Environment Preparedness course (HEPCO).		Typically, other training providers deliver their Close Protection course over 14 to 17 Days.
Cost	Close Protection Executive course £1000 (+VAT). Hostile Environment Preparedness course (HEPCO) £750 (+VAT). Accommodation can be provided at an extra cost.		Typically costs vary between £1500 to £3500.
Prospects of employment	One of the distinct advantages of attending our Close Protection Executive and Hostile Environment Preparedness courses' is that a number of highly reputable companies frequently visit our training centre to interview successful graduates who have performed well on our course and meet their clients' minimum requirements. Those who impress at interview are often offered employment or put onto a standby list for when positions become available. In 2017, 78% of our course graduates went on to successfully find employment within the industry.		Job prospects with other training providers tend to be often limited or non-existent. Using clever marketing, many training providers portray they have job opportunities for successful course graduates and that they have clients which include celebrities; actors/actresses, sports men/women and other recognisable public figures. The few jobs they sometime can offer graduates tend to be one-off tasks rather than full-time contracted positions. Before you commit to attend their course(s) please research the provider to establish realistically how credible their promises of employment actually are. DO NOT be fooled!



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Instructors	<p>At Horizon, all our instructors have many years of experience in providing both Close Protection and Close Protection instruction and are all extremely passionate about their profession.</p> <p>During our Close Protection Executive course, you can expect to be taught by at least 3 different instructors. Each instructor will draw on their own experiences.</p>		 <p>You can expect the same instructor to teach throughout the entire duration.</p>
Reputation	<p>We openly encourage anyone that is considering a career in Close Protection to do some research and you'll see for yourself that Horizon is the best training provider in the industry.</p>		<p>Be careful what company you choose to be your training provider. This statement is not intended to scare you into choosing Horizon to be your training provider. Our intention is to be honest and transparent with you.</p> <p>There are numerous training companies offering courses at heavily discounted prices, promising the world. DO NOT get caught out!</p> <p>We have had students attend our Close Protection courses who made the wrong choice and with whom previously attended courses with other providers. Many struggled to find employment due to the reputation of the training provider they attended their training with.</p> <p>Many recruiters in the security industry DO take into consideration who you attended your training with as part of their selection process. Credibility matters.</p>





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Course program	<p>Our syllabus goes above and beyond the basic licensing requirements giving you not only what is required for your licence but more importantly those skills required to enable you to be successful in the industry. It is designed to meet the needs of men and women from all walks of life regardless of background or previous knowledge.</p>		 <p>The majority of training providers only train what they are obligated to teach by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) and Awarding Bodies guidelines.</p>
Post course support to help find employment	<p>In order to increase our students' prospects of finding employment we provide them with an extensive list of companies who recruit Close Protection Operatives. Additionally, we give employment advice, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to improve the chances of being successful in finding employment• How to network effectively• Social media• Assistance in developing your curriculum vitae• Interviews• How to determine potential interview questions• 3-year career action plans• Suggested reading list• Employment hints and tips		<p>We have unfortunately heard stories about other training providers doing little to assist their graduates find employment afterwards. Too many of these companies are only interested in one thing; ££££.</p>





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Facilities	<p>We have fantastic facilities which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban centre used for hostile environment training • Environmental training rooms used for medical training; desert and jungle rooms, helicopter, medical clinic, outdoor training area • Executive Protection calibre vehicles • Onsite accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Free Wi-fi ○ Satellite TV ○ Gym ○ Onsite restaurant and bar (with pool table and juke box) ○ Laundry facilities 		<p>Other training providers tend to hire rooms within hotels, conference centres etc and are therefore restricted in the training they can deliver.</p> <p>Out of the few providers that do have their own training centres, only a couple will be able to boast they also have onsite accommodation.</p> <p>Students will often be required to study in the evening. Our instructors also stay at our training centre and are accessible to support students who stay in the training centre. Additionally, as students reside under the same roof they are able to form professional relationships with their course peers quicker.</p>
Certification gained	<p>Students who successfully complete our Close Protection Executive course will be issued with a BTEC Level 3 Certificate; 'Working as a Close Protection Operative within the Private Security Industry' from Pearson which is valid for 3 years.</p>		<p>Many providers also offer this qualification via Person, AoFAQ or Highfields.</p>
ELCAS	<p>Horizon is proud to be an approved Training Provider under the Ministry of Defence's Enhanced Learning Credits Administration Service (ELCAS). Our Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) provider number is 5805.</p>		<p>Not all training providers have ELCAS approval status. You can search via the ELCAS website to see what courses (if any) the training provider has been approved to deliver, see link below:</p> <p>http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com/learning-provider/provider-search.aspx</p>





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Frequency of courses	<p>We are one of only a couple of training providers that deliver Close Protection training courses every month (except for December).</p> <p>Since Horizon's inception we have not cancelled any of our scheduled Close Protection courses.</p>		<p>Typically, other training providers only deliver a few courses annually. These courses also have a tendency to be cancelled (often at short notice) due to an insufficient number of bookings.</p>

