

# Fire Safety

QCF Level 2 Award (England, Northern Ireland and Wales)  
FAA Level 2 Award in Fire Safety (QCF) Code 600/8190/9  
Unit 1 title: Fire safety principles Unit code D/601/9698



You will, no doubt, be well aware of the potentially devastating effects of fires in the workplace in terms of lives lost, injuries, damage to property and the environment, and to business continuity. You may also be aware that it is believed that most fires are preventable. The importance of fire safety in the workplace is underpinned by health and safety legislation that places a duty on employers to establish policies and procedures and ensure their employees receive appropriate training.

This course is designed for employees who want to develop their basic fire safety awareness in order to assist their employer by undertaking more specific fire safety roles in the workplace to manage fire risk (e.g. as fire wardens/marshals/stewards etc.)

## Duration

A minimum of 6 contact hours in the classroom.

## Syllabus

A range of subjects is covered including:

- The hazards and risks associated with fire in the workplace
- How fire risk is controlled in the workplace
- The role of the nominated fire warden
- The principles and practice of fire safety management at work

## Certification

A Level 2 national qualification, (Level 5 in Scotland), will be issued to the learner, subject to successfully completing the test paper.

## Numbers

A maximum of 16 students are allowed. The certificate will expire as dated on the certificate, irrespective of age.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
<p><b>1. Understand the hazards and risks associated with fire in the workplace</b></p>	<p><b>1.1</b> Explain how fires are caused in the workplace</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Describe the components of the fire triangle</p> <p><b>1.3</b> Identify the hazards during or after a fire, including the products of combustion</p> <p><b>1.4</b> Describe the characteristics of fire and smoke spread</p>
<p><b>2. Understand how fire risk is controlled in the workplace</b></p>	<p><b>2.1</b> State the different methods used to identify and control fire hazards</p> <p><b>2.2</b> Define the term 'means of escape' in relation to fire hazards</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Outline typical components for means of escape from fire hazards</p> <p><b>2.4</b> Describe methods of fire detection and raising the alarm</p> <p><b>2.5</b> Describe the principle of how fires are extinguished</p> <p><b>2.6</b> Describe how portable firefighting equipment should be used safely</p> <p><b>2.7</b> Identify common fixed firefighting systems and where they might be used</p>
<p><b>3. Understand the principles and practice of fire safety management at work</b></p>	<p><b>3.1</b> Outline the duties of employers and employees with respect to fire safety in the workplace</p> <p><b>3.2</b> Outline how to undertake a simple fire safety inspection in the workplace</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Describe the stages involved in a fire risk assessment</p>
<p><b>4. Understand the role of the nominated fire warden</b></p>	<p><b>4.1</b> State the role and function of fire wardens in their workplace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On a day-to-day basis</li> <li>• During an emergency</li> <li>• If they are not in their designated areas of responsibility when the alarm is raised</li> </ul> <p><b>4.2</b> Outline the content of a fire safety briefing</p>