

# PEQF Entry routes to become a Police Constable

The **Policing Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF)** supports three entry routes for Police Constables. The new curriculum offers greater breadth, depth and complexity of learning than current training, developing an education founded upon professional practice. The new entry routes provide different options on how to become a PC and help the service appeal to a wider cross-section of the communities served, thereby aiding forces to attract and recruit a more diverse workforce.

## Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA)

This is a professional degree-level apprenticeship, enabling new recruits to join the police service as an apprentice police constable and earning while they learn.

During the three-year programme the apprentice will complete a **Degree in Professional Policing Practice** and will be assessed against national assessment criteria as an integral part of their degree apprenticeship.

## Degree Holder Entry Programme

Aimed at degree-holders who have attained a degree in any subject area.

This two-year practice-based programme enables candidates to perform the role of police constable. Successful completion results in achievement of a **Graduate Diploma in Professional Policing Practice**.

## 'Pre-join' Degree in Professional Policing

This entry route involves completion of a three-year knowledge-based **Degree in Professional Policing**, prior to joining the police service. Becoming a Special Constable may be included as part of this programme.

Candidates who are subsequently recruited will undertake practice-based training to develop specific skills and will be assessed against national assessment criteria in order to demonstrate operational competence.

The transition from the current Initial Police Learning Development Programme (IPLDP) will take a number of years to implement and each force may take a different approach to introducing the new entry routes and phasing-out the current IPLDP. Early adopters will be introducing the above options from September 2018. It is therefore advisable to check [local force](#) web pages to enquire about their recruitment policy as each force has different timescales and entry requirements.

Further information along with frequently asked questions (FAQ's) and answers can be accessed via [www.college.police.uk/qualifications](http://www.college.police.uk/qualifications)  
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