

Qualifications Guide

What do you need to apply to join
Derbyshire Constabulary?

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Example of Qualification Levels

University	8	Doctorate PhD			
	7	Master's Degree MA/ MSc	Post Grad Diploma/ Post Grad Cert		
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA/ BSc	Honours Degree		Higher / Degree Apprenticeship
	5	Foundation Degree FdA/ FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)	Diploma in Higher Education	
	4		Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Certificate in Higher Education	
College	3	A Level/ A2/ AS	BTEC National Diploma	International Baccalaureate	Advanced Apprenticeship
School	2	GCSE Grade A-C/ 9-1	BTEC First Diploma		Intermediate Apprenticeship
	1	GCSE Grade D-G/ 3-1			

The qualifications you need to become a police constable for each entry route

Traditional Route (IPLDP)

Hold a level 3 or 2 A levels or equivalent qualification in any subject by pre-employment checks

or

are currently serving or have previous work experience in the following areas within the last 5 years (from the date of your application):

- Contact Management
- Emergency Services
- Custody Detention Officers
- PCSO's
- Special Constables
- Police Cadets and Leaders
- Neighbourhood Investigation Officers
- Detective Staff Investigators
- Armed Services
- Prison Officers

Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP)

- Degree or equivalent level 6 qualification in any subject or
- In your final year of study

Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA)

- Level 2 qualification, minimum grade C/4 in English & Maths
- Level 3 qualification or 2 A Levels or
- In your final year of study

Degree in Professional Policing (DiPP)

- Honours Degree in Professional Policing, or
- In your final year of study

DiPP: [Click to view the Universities offering a professional policing degree | College of Policing](#)

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Police Constable - Traditional Route (IPLDP)

Accepted Level 3 Qualifications

- 2 x A Levels (Grade A-E)
- 4-5 x AS Levels (Grade A – E)
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Level 3 NVQ
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- BTEC National Diploma
- A2 alongside AS/A Levels to meet criteria
- Foundation Diploma
- Music Grade 6-8

- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- City & Guilds Level 3
- CACHE, OCR, Edexcel/ Pearson2
- CIPD Level 3
- QCF Certificate at Level 3
- Level 3 SVQ
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
- IGCSE with any English and/or Maths in the title
- EAL Level 3 Diploma



Police Constable - DHEP - Level 6

Accepted Qualifications

- Bachelors Degree e.g. BA/ BSc/ Bed
- Bachelors Degree with Honours e.g. BA(Hons)/ BSc(Hons)
- Degree Apprenticeship

Qualifications Not Accepted

- Graduate Certificate*
- Graduate Diploma*
- Level 6 Award*
- Level 6 Certificate*
- Level 6 NVQ*
- Foundation Degree
- Irish Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Irish Higher Certificate

***Please note these are classed as the same standard as a Level 6 but are not Degree based and therefore cannot be accepted for DHEP.**



PCDA - Level 3 Qualifications

Accepted Level 3 Qualifications

- 2 x A Levels (Grade A-E)
- 2 x AS Levels (Grade A – E)
- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Level 3 NVQ
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- BTEC National Diploma
- A2 alongside AS/A Levels to meet criteria
- Foundation Diploma
- Music Grade 6-8

- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- City & Guilds Level 3
- CACHE, OCR, Edexcel/ Pearson2
- CIPD Level 3
- QCF Certificate at Level 3
- Level 3 SVQ
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
- IGCSE with any English and/or Maths in the title
- EAL Level 3 Diploma



The qualifications you need to become a detective constable for each entry route

Detective Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP)

- Degree (level 6) or equivalent qualification in Criminology, Law, Social Work, Psychology or related subjects

Detective DHEP – PIP2

- Degree (level 6) or equivalent qualification in any subject and,
- PIP2 accredited or working towards accreditation by 20 June 2022



Detective Constable DHEP Level 6

Accepted Qualifications

**DEGREE MUST BE IN THE SUBJECTS OF
CRIMINOLOGY, LAW, SOCIAL WORK,
PSYCHOLOGY OR RELATED SUBJECTS**

- Bachelors Degree e.g. BA/ BSc/ Bed
- Bachelors Degree with Honours e.g. BA(Hons)/ BSc(Hons)
- Degree Apprenticeship

Qualifications Not Accepted

- Graduate Certificate*
- Graduate Diploma*
- Level 6 Award*
- Level 6 Certificate*
- Level 6 NVQ*
- Irish Foundation Degree
- Irish Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Irish Higher Certificate

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Detective Constable DHEP (PIP2)

Accepted Qualifications

MUST BE PIP2 QUALIFIED or WORKING TOWARDS THE ACCREDITATION

- Bachelors Degree e.g. BA/ BSc/ Bed
- Bachelors Degree with Honours e.g. BA(Hons)/ BSc(Hons)
- Degree Apprenticeship

DEGREE CAN BE IN ANY SUBJECT

Qualifications Not Accepted

- Graduate Certificate*
- Graduate Diploma*
- Level 6 Award*
- Level 6 Certificate*
- Level 6 NVQ*
- Irish Foundation Degree
- Irish Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Irish Higher Certificate

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Police Constable -DiPP

Accepted Qualifications

MUST BE A HONOURS DEGREE BY AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY

- Bachelors Degree with Honours e.g. BA(Hons)/ BSc(Hons)

Qualifications Not Accepted

- Bachelors Degree e.g. BA/ BSc/ Bed

***Please note these are classed as a degree but are not honours and therefore cannot be accepted for DiPP.**



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