



Emma Prach - Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Cadet Force

Signing up and completing various CVQO qualifications has positively impacted my cadet experience. They have allowed me to use the knowledge that I have gained from regular cadet activities and transfer it into amazing qualifications.

Gaining ILM and BTEC awards is like a building block in furthering your education. Not only are they great to show on your CV or talk about when interviewing for jobs but they also give you life skills for the future.

Completing these qualifications has given me an insight into what it will be like studying at university or college.

I would highly recommend doing CVQO qualifications to other cadets. At the end of completing a qualification you have proof of skills you have in the form of an award which can put you ahead of your peers in later life. You learn a lot about yourself, society and work life, doing a CVQO qualification.

CVQO qualifications are challenging to complete, they help you to learn how to challenge yourself and progress onto the types of qualities you will need in later life. Being able to put things like BTECs and ILM awards on your CV are definitely a benefit as it allows you to show in writing that you are a dedicated individual.

Another benefit is gaining awareness of yourself, others and different cultures. In one of the qualifications I completed I learned a lot about different uniform services and the types of activities they get involved with, which really helped me to understand and be grateful for all the services we have.

Having these qualifications helps massively in job applications or further education. They put you ahead of other candidates and show the many different qualities you have. When applying for your first job you can show the skills you have that meet the criteria even when you haven't yet begun further education.



Emily Sinclair - Angus and Dundee Battalion Army Cadet Force

Gaining the CVQO BTEC Level 2 (SCQF Level 5) qualification from CVQO helped improve my cadet experience so much and gave me more challenging opportunities to work hard towards.

Without it, I would not have a recognised way to formalise and demonstrate everything I have learned in cadets.

The CVQO BTEC helped get me into college and was the main talking point in my interview for the uniformed service course I am currently studying. It has also helped me fast track through certain modules.

The qualification boosts my CV and provides a level of understanding for anyone outside the cadet forces of the skills that young people gain.

I would recommend CVQO BTECs to any young person looking to push themselves to the next level and give themselves a chance of securing the best start to their lives. They might also surprise themselves and learn a lot of valuable skills at the same time.

It is a great opportunity for young people to gain qualifications that are not available from any other type of youth organisation, helping set them apart when trying to secure places in further education or employment.

Without the CVQO BTEC I would not have secured a place in college. I firmly believe it was the deciding factor in helping me continue my education and advise any young person to take the opportunity to study one if they can.



Daniel Boag - Glasgow and Lanarkshire Battalion Army Cadet Force

During my time in cadets I participated in the CVQO BTEC Level 2 (SCQF Level 5) course during an ACF Annual Camp.

I enjoyed it hugely as I learned a massive amount about teamwork and communication as well as new ways to improve my own teaching methods.

My CVQO BTEC qualification was the decider between me gaining an unconditional offer to go to College to study Health and Social Care - it counts as an additional National 5 and so that boosted my qualifications.

I know the BTEC will benefit me at college, too, when working with my classmates and also at my work placement. Moving on from college it will continue to help me in my future career in Health and Social Care management.

At my own cadet unit I regularly put into practice what the CVQO BTEC course has taught me.

I use it when I'm teaching cadets, doing command tasks or playing sports. I use team working to achieve the goal to the best of the group's ability and I use good communication to pass on different instructions to other cadets.

I will always be grateful to the ACF and to LT Jack and SMI Quinn for putting me on this course and would 100% recommend that other cadets make the most of the opportunities available to them too.