Security of Dangerous Goods Qualifications

Level 1 and Level 2 Ofqual Regulated

NLTC Level 1 Award in Security of Dangerous Goods in SSA 4.3 Transportation operations and maintenance.

NLTC Level 2 Award in Security of Dangerous Goods in SSA 4.3 Transportation operations and maintenance.

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Is this qualification correct for you?

Although it may not appear polite to answer a question with a question; in this case it is pertinent.

The answer to whether this qualification is correct for you, is, are you involved in the carriage of dangerous goods?

If you are; *and this includes all staff employed by road vehicle operators, consignors, forwarders, loaders, unloaders and drivers who carry dangerous goods without requiring an ADR Driver Training Certificate,* then you have a legal obligation to provide all staff with training in the security of dangerous goods.

(ADR 8.2.3, 1.3, 1.10.2 CDG Regulation 5, 7 & 8).

As well as the legal reason for doing this, there is also an ethical reason for it.

Having suitable policies in place as well having suitably training staff, is a major assistance in the UK winning the war on terror.

"We already provide security awareness training for dangerous goods."

What you are actually currently providing is a certification of training. Not a qualification, there is a significant difference between the two.

Any organisation can provide a certificate of training. Quite often these training courses are of a high standard. The issue is that there is no guarantee of this standard; after all, who approved the course? Does it have a relevant content? Is there a sufficient confirmation of learning? Is the teacher qualified? Will the certificate be recognised by third parties?

An Ofqual regulated qualification answers these questions. Ofqual is the Government Office for Qualifications.

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"This provides you with a regulated qualification, not just a certificate."

There are two qualifications:

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NLTC Level 2 Award in Security of Dangerous Goods in SSA 4.3 Transportation operations and maintenance.

The level 2 award is designed for personnel who are involved in making policies relating to the security of dangerous goods. This could include Managers, DGSA's, & Supervisors.

The level 1 award is designed for policy users, such as drivers, warehouse personnel, traffic office staff, etc.

The Level 1 Qualification involves 4 hours of training (which may count towards Driver CPC).

Once completed, your staff will have the knowledge and ability to recognise security risks, reduce vulnerabilities, and make your workplace, and vehicles, as secure as possible.

The Level 2 Qualification involves 6 hours of training.

Once completed, managerial staff will have the knowledge and ability to carry out security risk assessments, set proactive security policies and procedures and, if required, be able to develop a dangerous goods security plan as set out in ADR 1.10.3.2

Prove to your clients that their goods are safe with you!

Providing security of dangerous goods is possibly more important to us now than it has been at any time since the start of the second world war. The devastation and potential number of deaths that could arise from terrorists obtaining dangerous goods is, quite frankly, unthinkable.

The regulations set basic requirements, for example ADR 1.10.1.3 refers to storage areas being properly secured, well lit and, if appropriate, inaccessible to the general public. It wouldn't really be appropriate for the regulations to stipulate further on this, as they have already set out the necessary requirements. The method of compliance with this is really up to the individual or organisation.

For example, to ensure that a storage area is actually secure, shouldn't all personnel know how to check for potential security breaches, how to identify suspicious persons and malicious activities?

Additionally, the ongoing 'E' threat regarding misuse of social media, and cybercrimes, including ransomeware attacks, which have recently been linked to transport companies going out of business, is something that we need to include when we use the term 'secure'.

Having every member of staff qualified in security, means that you don't have any weak links in your security chain.

Level 1 Qualification, for policy users.

This is designed for personnel who follow company policy and procedures, such as drivers, warehouse staff, fillers, packers, and traffic office staff.

Teaching takes 4 hours and can be included with a modular Driver CPC course or following an ADR course.

There is an examination at the end which consists of 20 multiple choice questions.

When the candidate receives their qualification, it is valid for 2 years.

ADR training does have the capacity to dedicate a large amount of time to security training. Therefore, it is ideal for drivers undertaking an ADR to take this qualification as well.

It is also a legal requirement for drivers carrying dangerous goods in limited quantities, such as couriers carrying aerosols, batteries, etc, to have awareness training the security of dangerous goods.

Level 2 Qualification, for policy makers.

This is designed for personnel who develop company policies and procedures, such as directors, managers, supervisors and, in this case, dangerous goods safety advisers.

Teaching takes 6 hours and is provided as an exclusive course.

The examination consists of 20 multiple choice questions and 10 missing word questions.

When the candidate receives their qualification, it is valid for 5 years.

You could have the best trained and most security conscious staff in the world, but if the policies and procedures they are meant to follow are insufficient or flawed, your overall security will be weak.

The level 2 qualification will ensure that the personnel making the policies have the appropriate level of knowledge and ability to do so effectively.

Qualifications which make the whole industry more secure