

Aims of the Award

General Aims

This award is unique within the analysts community in Scotland and has a range of broad aims which are to:

1. develop your occupational skills
2. enable you to gain credit within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) which should assist you in accessing further qualifications
3. develop a range of transferable skills
4. develop study and research skills
5. recognise analysis as a specialised and professional discipline

Specific Aims

This award will enable you to:

1. handle and disseminate intelligence in a professional manner, taking account of intelligence specialists
2. complete tactical and strategic reports in line with organisational requirements
3. utilise appropriate problem solving models when dealing with crime and criminality
4. improve your professional effectiveness by means of developing your practical skills and knowledge in crime and intelligence analysis
5. present intelligence and analytical products using suitable analytical techniques

Through participation in this PDA, you will work through practical and applied professional development activities directly relevant to their chosen field. The vehicle for this is the development of knowledge and the practical application of analytical tools and techniques in accordance with the accepted criteria as defined by the NIM. Through the NIM development team, intelligence products are continually assessed at regular intervals to ensure compliance with NIM base line requirements.