

IQF Level	3	IQF Credit	2
Approved References	<p>Tactical Communication: Effective Interaction Tools for First Responders (Pfarr et. al., 2021) "Defensive Tactics for Today's Law Enforcement" by Stephen K. Hayes and Joe Niehaus "Advanced Concepts in Defensive Tactics: A Survival Guide for Law Enforcement" by Chuck Joyner "Far Beyond Defensive Tactics" by Loren W. Christensen "Stop Resisting: The Law Enforcement Officer's Guide to Proven Control Tactics, Less Lawsuits, and Building Community Trust Through Martial Arts" by Jeremy Butler "Defensive Tactics: Street-Proven Arrest and Control Techniques" by Loren W. Christensen "The Ultimate Guide - Twenty-First-Century Patrol Officers Tactical Field Manual: Skills, Tactics, and Techniques" by Jim Fountain Security Officer Readiness Training: Instructor's Orientation Manual and Workbook (King & King, 2024) Security Officer Training Handbook: SIA Licence Training Handbook for Security Guard Training (SIA, 2023) 15 Principles for reducing the risk of restraint-related death (Police Executive Research Forum, 2024) UK Home Office Police Protective Equipment Database NIJ Stab Vest Compliant List.</p>		
Special Notes	<p>For the purposes of IPSQA Assessment, the following techniques are prohibited: chokeholds, strangleholds, carotid restraints, hog-tying, hobble restraints, Maximal Restraint Technique (MRT). It is highly recommended that candidates have completed CorePass Tactical Communications and CorePass Emergency Bleed Management or equivalents prior to undertaken this assessment.</p>		

Understand stab resistant vest characteristics.	703725D01
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Performance	Explain the key features, risks and limitations of stab resistant vests.
Standards	In accordance with approved references.
Conditions	Given a stab resistant vest and its technical documentation.
Comments	<p>Range: types (soft and rigid), protection levels, materials, coverage areas, standards, knife resistance, spike resistance, needle resistance, public perception, body movement restriction (mobility), thermal overload, product certification, life expectancy, vulnerabilities, vest choking hazard, buoyancy.</p> <p>Standards to include at least one of the following: NIJ 0115.00 (USA); CAST 2017 (UK); VPAM (EU).</p>

Recognize common edged weapons and their associated risks.	703725D02
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Performance	Recognize common edged weapons and their associated risks.
Standards	In accordance with approved references and organisational doctrine.
Conditions	For a range of workplaces or job functions.
Comments	Focus on knives, spikes, and other sharp objects typically encountered in the workplace.

Recall care and maintenance requirements for stab resistant vest.	703725D03
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Performance	Explain care and maintenance requirements for stab resistant vest.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions.
Conditions	Given access to manufacturer instructions.
Comments	Range: storage, cleaning, decontamination (i.e. biohazards), inspection, life expectancy.

Don and doff stab resistant vest for operational purposes.	703725D04
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Performance	Demonstrate correct procedures for putting on and removing a stab resistant vest.
Standards	In accordance with manufacturer instructions and organisational doctrine.
Conditions	Given a properly sized stab resistant vest.
Comments	Must include adjusting for proper fit and coverage.

Basic self-protection techniques while wearing stab resistant vest.	703725D05
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Performance	Execute fundamental defensive maneuvers while wearing a stab resistant vest.
Standards	In accordance with approved references, local laws and regulations, and organizational doctrine.
Conditions	In simulated confrontational scenarios with a training partner.
Comments	Must focus on techniques compatible with vest restrictions.

Apply unarmed de-escalation strategies in conflict situations.	703725D06
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Performance	Demonstrate verbal and non-verbal de-escalation techniques..
Standards	In accordance with approved references, local laws and regulations, and organizational doctrine.
Conditions	In simulated confrontational scenarios with a training partner, while wearing stab resistant vest.
Comments	This requirement ensures integration of pre-requisite knowledge and skills (CorePass Tactical Communications).

Provide first aid for knife and spike weapon related injuries.	703725D07
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Performance	Demonstrate initial first aid procedures for stab or slash wounds whilst wearing a stab resistant vest.
Standards	In accordance with approved references*, local laws and regulations, and organizational doctrine.
Conditions	Using a first aid kit including emergency bleed kit, and training mannequin or role player (as injured).
Comments	Includes CorePass First Aid series Approved References. This requirement focuses on immediate first aid to a stabbing/slash attack using the skills demonstrated in the prerequisites. It is not intended to be a comprehensive emergency bleed management certification.

Document and report incident following de-escalation.	703725D08
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Performance	Document and report incident following de-escalation.
Standards	In accordance with approved references, local laws and regulations, and organizational doctrine.
Conditions	Following de-escalation scenario, given notebook and organizational forms.
Comments	Range: notebook entry, incident report.