



# Qualifications Requirements for the BAFE SP205 Scheme (Version 6) Version 1.5: 2026

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# 1. Version history

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## 2. Foreword

This document describes the qualification requirements of the BAFE SP205 Scheme (Version 6). These requirements were drafted to meet the core competencies set out within BS 8674: 2025 Built environment, framework for competence of individual fire risk assessors, code of practice (BS 8674).

The intention of the document is to explain the requirements set out within the Scheme and, to assist those who undertake Life Safety Fire Risk Assessments to meet the Scheme's qualification requirements. Moreover, it provides Awarding Organisations (AOs) with a means to register their qualifications in order that they can be recognised within the Scheme.

*The term "Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment" shall be referred to hereafter in this document as "Fire Risk Assessment" abbreviated to FRA.*

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The BAFE SP205 Scheme (Version 6) specifies (amongst other things) minimum regulated qualification requirements for fire risk assessors, and these have been developed and reviewed with the BAFE SP205 Monitoring Committee whose membership includes BAFE SP205 licenced Certification Bodies, subject matter experts and other industry stakeholders. We recognise that qualification requirements may be subject to future amendments and to this end, we shall update this document as appropriate.

We also welcome feedback and encourage anyone who identifies errors or has suggestions that may improve the document to contact us at [info@bafe.org.uk](mailto:info@bafe.org.uk) with details for consideration.

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### 2.2 Application

This document shall only be operated by BAFE and BAFE SP205 Licensed Certification Bodies (CBs) only.

It has been developed to support the application of the BAFE SP205 Scheme (Version 6) Document published **07 November 2025** which comes into full effect **on 31 March 2026**

Should you wish to make an enquiry, request further information, or offer feedback then correspondence may be sent using the methods detailed below.

These contact details should also be used by AOs seeking to have their qualifications recognise within the Scheme.

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## 3. Introduction

### 3.1 Purpose

Clause 12.3.1 of the BAFE SP205 Scheme requires fire risk assessors to demonstrate and maintain the necessary skills, knowledge, experience, and behaviours to undertake FRAs. In order to meet the clause, fire risk assessors shall be required to confirm their knowledge through obtaining a regulated qualification that has been mapped against the core competency requirements set out within BS 8674.

The purpose of this document is to provide details of those qualifications which are recognised in regard to BAFE SP205 (Version 6). Recognition of qualifications is based wholly on the criteria that [qualifications] have been mapped against BS 8674.

Moreover, the document outlines how experienced fire risk assessors and, those who hold existing qualifications, may have their experience or qualifications recognised so as to access any newly regulated qualifications meeting the above criteria.

This document is not UKAS controlled and is updated by version number and available on the BAFE website.

## 4. Scope

### 4.1 Scope

This document provides information and guidance on regulated qualifications that have been recognised within the BAFE SP205 Scheme (Version 6).

### 4.2 Behaviours

Fire risk assessor behaviours are not featured within this document and are explained within BS 8674 and further detailed within the BAFE SP205 Scheme document.

## 5. Terms and definitions

### 5.1 Advanced Fire Risk Assessor

A fire risk assessor who can demonstrate that they meet the necessary requirements to undertake FRAs in all building and premises types. This includes risk profiles classified as being Advanced (High), Moderate (Intermediate), or Moderate to Low (Foundation).

### 5.2 Intermediate Fire Risk Assessor

A fire risk assessor who can demonstrate they meet the necessary requirements to undertake FRAs in buildings and premises that can be categorised as presenting Moderate (Intermediate) and Moderate to Low (Foundation) risk.

### 5.3 Foundation Fire Risk Assessor

A fire risk assessor who can demonstrate they meet the necessary requirements to undertake FRAs in buildings and premises that can be categorised as presenting Moderate to Low (Foundation) risk.

## 6. Recognition Process

It is accepted that at this time there may be very few fire risk assessors who hold a regulated qualification which has been mapped against BS 8674. The current situation does not exclude fire risk assessors from applying for registration within the SP205 Scheme (Version 6).

The Scheme, therefore, acknowledges this situation and provides a reasonable timeframe and process to enable fire risk assessors to obtain the recognised regulated qualifications. In broad terms the process to obtain the specified qualifications recognises prior learning and experience and gives credit in regard to experience gained and existing qualifications that are held:

Regulated qualifications are awarded by an AO's approved training centres (ATCs) and, to this end fire risk assessors have three routes through which they can obtain an award from their chosen ATC. ATCs shall determine the conditions attached to each route but, in broad terms these will include:

- Undertaking a training course at the desired level (Advanced, Intermediate or Foundation) and following a formal assessment and, where a pass is achieved, they are then awarded the regulated qualification.
- Take part in a formal process of RPEL with their ATC. This refers to the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning and provides a nominal value which allows a fire risk assessor to assimilate their learning obtained through experience rather than formal assessed study in order to obtain the regulated qualification.
- Follow a process of Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning or APEL. This refers to the ATCs ability to undertake a formal process that allows fire risk assessors to be awarded credit for their prior learning, experience, and qualifications. Based on this process an ATC can award a regulated qualification as appropriate.

Furthermore, SP205 (Version 6) recognises that over time more AOs will publish regulated qualifications for delivery through their ATCs. We welcome the further choice and capacity this offers and BAFE are committed to amending this document to recognise the growing suite of qualifications available to fire risk assessors.

To this end, BAFE shall recognise all applicable qualifications and now encourage AOs to submit details of their regulated qualifications so that these may be registered within our published list of regulated qualifications. To achieve this listing, AOs are requested to submit full details by contacting BAFE as detailed within section 1 above. This information shall provide details of ATCs offering the award and should also indicate the contact details of a designated individual who has been authorised to respond to fire risk assessors seeking to obtain the qualification.

BAFE will consider all appropriate requests to have qualifications recognised within the SP205 Scheme (Version 6). BAFE will issue its decision to list based on the information provided by the AO's authorised representative and following an agreement with the AO, will amend the published list within 30 working days of receiving the initial application.



## 7. Review and update period

### 7.1 Review

This document shall be reviewed every four months and updated to include the latest regulated qualifications that align with both BS 8674 and the requirements of the Scheme.

### 7.2 Publication Date

Following the review, if updates are required, BAFE will publish the revised document on its website and announce the changes through its social media channels.

### 7.3 Regulated Qualifications Assessment

To have a regulated qualification approved and listed in the Qualifications and Competency Requirements for the BAFE SP205 Scheme (Version 6) you must have submitted the mapped assessment criteria to BAFE.

### 7.4 Exceptions

Any exceptions to these are at the sole discretion of BAFE.



## 8. Recognised Regulated Qualifications

8.1 Advanced Level		SP205 Regulated Qualification Matrix								
Awarding Organisation	Regulator	Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN)	Regulated Title	Status	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Total Qualification time (TQT) in hours	Next Qualification Review Date	Operational End Date	Certification End Date - Date the last Certificate will be issued usually a year after the OED.	Assessment Type
FireQual	Qualifications Scotland Accreditation (SQAA)	R916 04	FireQual Certificate in Advanced Fire Risk Assessment at SCQF Level 8	Active	50	120	30/09/2027	30/09/2028	30/09/2029	Portfolio of evidence (including case studies, reports, observation, and professional discussion) (RPL permissible)
FireQual	Ofqual	610/6234/0	FireQual Level 5 Certificate in Advanced Fire Risk Assessment	Active	50	120	30/09/2027	30/09/2028	30/09/2029	Portfolio of evidence (including case studies, reports, observation, and professional discussion) (RPL permissible)
ProQual	Ofqual	610/7046/6	ProQual Level 5 diploma in Fire Risk Assessment	Active	260	380	16/02/2029	16/04/2029	16/04/2030	Pass/Fail Internally assessed and verified by centre staff External quality assured by ProQual Verifiers

## 8.2 Intermediate Level

## SP205 Regulated Qualification Matrix

FireQual	Qualifications Scotland Accreditation (SQAA)	R915 04	FireQual Certificate in Intermediate Fire Risk Assessment at SCQF Level 7	Active	45	120	30/09/2027	30/09/2028	30/09/2029	Portfolio of evidence (including case studies, reports, observation, and professional discussion) (RPL permissible)
FireQual	Ofqual	610/6275/3	FireQual Level 4 Certificate in Intermediate Fire Risk Assessment	Active	45	120	30/09/2027	30/09/2028	30/09/2029	Portfolio of evidence (including case studies, reports, observation, and professional discussion) (RPL permissible)
SFJ Awards	Ofqual	610/6796/9	SFJ Awards Level 4 Certificate in Fire Risk Assessment	Active	100	200	31/12/2028	31/12/2029	31/12/2030	Multiple Choice e-assessment (RPL permissible)

### 8.3 Foundation Level SP205 Regulated Qualification Matrix

FireQual	Qualifications Scotland Accreditation (SQAA)	R914 04	FireQual Certificate in Foundation Fire Risk Assessment at SCQF Level 6	Active	45	120	30/09/2027	30/09/2028	30/09/2029	Portfolio of evidence (including case studies, reports, observation, and professional discussion) (RPL permissible)
FireQual	Ofqual	610/6233/9	FireQual Level 3 Certificate in Foundation Fire Risk Assessment	Active	45	120	30/09/2027	30/09/2028	30/09/2029	Portfolio of evidence (including case studies, reports, observation, and professional discussion) (RPL permissible)
SFJ Awards	Ofqual	610/5745/9	SFJ Awards Level 3 Certificate in Fire Risk Assessment	Active	70	200	31/05/2028	31/05/2029	31/05/2030	Multiple Choice e-assessment (RPL permissible)