

# MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE COUNT WITH BLENDED LEARNING

## GAIN 3 NATIONALLY RECOGNISED ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

### Suitable for Officers, Warrant Officers, SNCOs and Civil Servants

The BTEC Professional Management Studies course offered by the Wiltshire and Somerset Colleges' Partnership has been specifically designed for both military and MOD civilian personnel serving in the UK, abroad or at sea. It is a flexible programme, sub-divided into 3 certification levels: Award, Certificate or Diploma.

This course has already proved popular in elsewhere in the Army, as the following satisfied 'customers' explain:

*"I would advise anyone with the opportunity to gain this qualification to grasp it with both hands. It has opened doors for me in the civilian environment. The course sits comfortably in the higher echelons of the national (qualifications) framework and is recognized by potential employers."*  
**Craig Hamilton - former WO2 RAMC**

*"This qualification is an excellent and well-structured way for anyone serving in the Armed Forces to convert their experience, military training and career development courses in to a civilian business management qualification at undergraduate level, using their SLC to cover most of the cost! The programme is flexible and allows for students studying as and when they can, fitting it around operations or training. The programme is divided into workable units with excellent support from the team at the College – they are contactable by 'phone or internet (allowing for overseas students) or by visits to or from the College."*  
**Major A J Canniford ROYAL IRISH**

As the programme takes account of the content of past and present Army CLM programmes through a process known as the accreditation of prior learning (APL), learners at various ranks are exempted from some if not most of the modules required at each level. This greatly reduces the amount of work required.

SNCOs can readily achieve the Level 5 Award and Certificate in Professional Management Studies. If they wish to, they can then undertake additional modules, with only 3 more required to gain the full Level 5 Diploma in Professional Management Studies. Those attending the current Army CLM course at AECs should only need to do an extra 4 hours work to gain these 2 qualifications.

WOs can readily achieve the full Level 5 Diploma in Professional Management Studies. Those attending the current Army CLM course at AECs should only need to do an extra 4 hours work to gain this third – and highest – qualification.

Every individual can have a tailor-made programme making the best of their prior learning, and the Wiltshire and Somerset Colleges' Partnership fully understands the challenges faced by Armed Forces learners on operations or in training. Members of the Partnership's Professional Management Studies team are approachable, supportive and easily contactable.

**Cost.** The overall cost for all 3 awards is £180 but, as it is recognized for the full SLC grant; most Armed Forces **candidates only need pay £36 themselves.**

**For further information, contact the RE CPD Team**  
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