

DPS-16

National Standard Alignment — Designated Premises Supervisor

PHW Services' own commercial standard: developed and independently assessed by PHW Services.

Field	Detail
Qualification	Level 3 of the National Occupational Standards for Designated Premises Supervisor (Sector Skills Council)
PHW standard reference	PHW-STD-DPS-L3
Level	3
Credit value	1
Guided learning hours	8

Status

Level 3 of the National Occupational Standards, developed by the relevant Sector Skills Council.

Wider National Occupational Standards context

People 1st PPLHSL8 — Supervise Functions (Hospitality Supervision & Leadership suite), whose performance criteria require the supervisor to 'ensure the function and all associated activities comply with relevant legal requirements', and PPLHSL27 — Contribute to the development of a wine list, whose knowledge requirements name 'licensing legislation' explicitly.

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria — mapped to this PHW VQ

LO1. Understand the significance and definition of the DPS

- 1.1-1.4 What a DPS is, why it matters, how many premises one DPS may realistically supervise
- 1.5-1.7 Who may object to a DPS designation, and the DPS's functions and responsibilities

LO2. Understand the DPS's responsibility to risk-assess against the four licensing objectives

- 2.1-2.3 The four licensing objectives and how to carry out a risk assessment
- 2.4-2.8 Risks specific to each objective, and the meaning of 'cumulative impact'

LO3. Understand the measures that promote the four licensing objectives

- 3.1-3.5 Measures for crime and disorder, public safety, protection of children, and general management control

LO4. Understand DCMS conditions relating to prevention of crime and disorder

- 4.1-4.9 Offences and model conditions under current licensing law, including protection of children

LO5. Understand the DPS's health and safety responsibilities

- 5.1-5.6 Health and safety legislation, duty of care, and health and safety policy

LO6. Understand other legislation and best practice applying to a DPS

- 6.1-6.9 Food hygiene, weights and measures, consumer protection, tobacco/solvents, media rental, anti-smuggling, underage refusal, off-sales consumption

LO7. Understand equality and diversity law for a DPS

- 7.1-7.6 Anti-discrimination, race relations, sex discrimination, disability, sexual orientation, religious belief

LO8. Understand best practice for common problems

- 8.1-8.5 Dealing with drunks, attempted theft, aggressive confrontation, armed robbery, anti-violence strategy

Coverage in this pack: the DPS-02 Staff Training Pack and DPS-03/DPS-03a knowledge test are built to examine every learning outcome above. The DPS-10 Assessment Records evidence it was actually assessed.

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