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Training is offered at different levels, for staff working at supervisory level to those in strategic managerial positions.

Training and development

Relevant training and qualifications are offered by several organisations including:

- British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM)
- City and Guilds
- Institute of leadership and Management (ILM)
- Pearson Qualifications (including BTEC and Edexcel)

British Institute of Facilities Management

The British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) has qualifications in facilities management from levels 2 (for staff new into facilities management roles) to 7 (those staff working at strategic head of facilities roles). These are qualifications are available across the country and can be studied through different methods.

Postgraduate qualifications in facilities management are offered by a number of universities.

Find out more about BIFM qualifications and postgraduate qualifications in facilities management [1]

City and Guilds

City and Guilds run level 3 programmes in facilities management practice, which you could take as part of an apprenticeship. Also available are a level 3 course in hospitality supervision and leadership and a level 4 course in hospitality management.

Find out more about City and Guilds qualifications [2]

Institute of leadership and Management (ILM)

The ILM has a number of general leadership qualifications for different levels of management, including a level 3 qualification in facilities management.

Find out more about ILM qualifications [3]

Pearson Qualifications

Relevant Pearson qualifications include:

- level 3 BTEC nationals in hospitality
- level 3 BTEC specialist qualifications in hospitality supervision and leadership
- BTEC higher nationals in hospitality management
- BTEC professional qualifications in managing food safety

Find out more about Pearson qualifications [4].

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Support during training

There are no centrally funded schemes providing financial support to staff undergoing training. However, you'll usually be supported in some way by your employer for supervisory or management level training. For example, you may be given financial support that partly pays tuition fees and receive some time off to study towards qualifications.

It is important therefore to check with your employer about the opportunity to receive assistance during training. If you're part way through obtaining a qualification and move to a different employer, this is particularly important.

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Continuing professional development

Depending on your background and role, you may be required to maintain your professional registration, through continuing professional development (CPD). Find out more about CPD requirements from the professional/regulatory body that represents your area of management.

See a list of organisations relevant to this area of management [5]

Find out more about professional development [6]

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