

Core rank profiles

Supporting police officers and staff to understand the requirements of core roles in policing.

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We're moving the policing professional profiles (PPP) to the College website. While this takes place, some roles from the PPP may only be available on College Learn.

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Purpose

The core rank profiles help every police officer to understand their core role. They are designed to be used with other specialist roles rather than as standalone roles. The specialist roles can be found in the related roles section on each profile.

The profiles on this page include information about the responsibilities, behaviours, qualifications, skills and experience for:

- core roles in policing
- special constabulary roles
- the police community support officer (PCSO) role
- [Metropolitan Police Service roles](#)

Exploring the core rank profiles

To help to map out progression routes, we've organised the roles in the core rank profiles into five levels.

1. [Service deliverer roles](#)

2. [Team leader or technical lead roles](#)
3. [Manager or expert adviser roles](#)
4. [Service function lead roles](#)
5. [Force leader roles](#)(including Metropolitan Police Service roles)

Further information

- [Find out more about the policing professional profiles](#)
- [Understand the structure of the policing professional profiles](#)

Service deliverer roles

Core roles

- [Constable](#)

Special constabulary

- [Special constable](#)
- [Special constable – accompanied patrol](#)(You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Special constable – independent patrol](#)(You will need to log in to College Learn)

Team leader or technical lead roles

Core roles

- [Sergeant](#)

Special constabulary

- [Special sergeant](#)

Manager or expert adviser roles

Core roles

- [Chief inspector](#)
- [Inspector](#)

Special constabulary

- [Special inspector](#)

Service function leader roles

Core roles

- [Chief superintendent](#)
- [Superintendent](#)

Special constabulary

There are no special constabulary available at this level.

Force leader roles

Core roles

- [Assistant chief constable](#)
- [Chief constable](#)
- [Deputy chief constable](#)

Special constabulary

There are no special constabulary roles available at this level.

Metropolitan Police Service roles

- [Assistant commissioner](#)
- [Commander](#)
- [Deputy assistant commissioner](#)

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