**Thames Valley Police – entry requirements for Police Officers from 2015**

**Entry requirements vary depending on the force. Thames Valley Police requirements are here -**

[https://applyonline.thamesvalley.police.uk/jobs/applicationadvicepoliceofficer](https://applyonline.thamesvalley.police.uk/jobs/applicationadvicepoliceofficer%20%20%20%20%20)

* Entry requirements for Thames Valley Police have changed recently, and are still being updated. The main points are–
* **From 2015**, Thames Valley Police will require all new Police Officer Recruits to hold **either** a Thames Valley Police Foundation Degree in Policing (FdA) **or** a[Certificate in Knowledge of Policing](http://applyonline.thamesvalley.police.uk/jobs/pockp) (CKP). In addition to a CKP, **2 A Levels** (**or equivalent** such as BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma) will also be required. The CKP is a short course which takes about 10 weeks to complete.
* It looks as if graduates from a different degree are likely to have to take a CKP.
* The Foundation Degree in Policing will be offered at Bucks New University - High Wycombe, Bucks New University - Berkshire College of Agriculture, Maidenhead and Oxford Brookes University - Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, Oxford The course will involve both academic learning and practical application as a special constable.
* The website states that from 2014, the Force will be seeking to recruit a significant percentage of its future police officers from graduates of Foundation Degrees in Policing (FdA) at the three universities.
* Thames Valley Police will not require service as a Special Constable or Police Community Support Officer to apply via the standard application process, (though presumably it may still be an advantage).