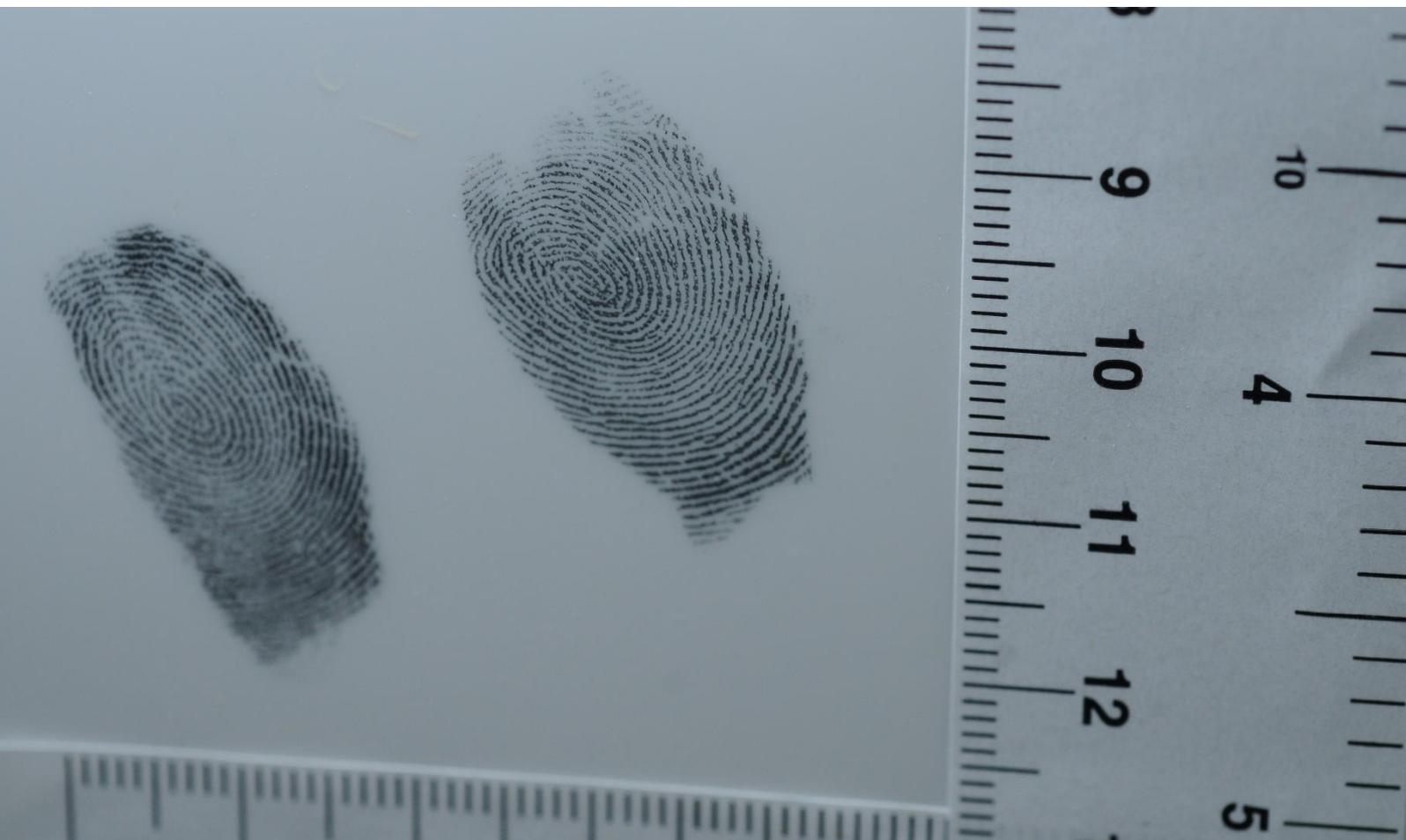




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# **Professional CSI Training Courses**

**CSI Initial / CSI Stage 1 Course Overview**





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## **Course Outline**

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This six-week course is designed to provide foundation learning and skills development for CSIs appointed into VCSI/Level 1 positions. It is appropriate for new appointees with no prior experience in the role.

### **Course Aim**

This six-week course will provide an introduction to the role of the CSI and working as a deployable civilian. It will introduce ethical and behavioural best practice as well as providing foundational inputs in core competency areas, including photography (record and evidential), scene approach, static and dynamic risk assessment, DNA, trace evidence and fingerprint enhancement. In addition to the above it will provide non-assessed awareness inputs on firearms, fire scenes and drugs.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes**

The successful completer should be able to:

- Understand the role of the CSI and its relation to other key police roles.
- Derive a suitable assessment of risk, both personally and to identified evidence types, and make appropriate adjustments and mitigations.
- Demonstrate an ability to take photographic images suitable for record and evidential photography.
- Demonstrate an ability in identifying, seizing, packaging and storing core evidence types (powder and elimination fingerprints, DNA, trace material).
- Understand the principles of open-shutter photography and painting with light.
- Understand the National Intelligence Model and appreciate the critical importance of intelligence gathering and assessment. Demonstrate interpersonal skills as part of an intelligence gathering exercise.
- Evidence the ability to produce appropriate evidence recovery plans suitable for volume crime scene examinations.

- Develop a basic awareness of a range of niche evidence types (fire scene, firearms, drugs, entomology, digital forensics).
- Understand exhibit seizure procedures, chain of custody and contemporaneous notation.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the role of the CSI in court with regard to volume crime scenes.

## Course Content

- Core evidence recovery skills (packaging, exhibiting, exhibit selection, presumptive blood testing, swabbing, packaging, storage, powder and chemical fingerprint examination).
- Record and evidential photography.
- Risk assessment, welfare and evidence recovery plans.
- The National Intelligence Model; Gathering, assessing, and disseminating intelligence.
- Interview, liaison, and interpersonal skills.
- Crime scene sketching and planning.
- Niche evidence and scene awareness (fire scene, firearms, entomology).
- Digital forensics on the crime scene.
- Statement writing and court department.

## Assessment

This course will be rigorously assessed through continuous assessment in line with the Skills for Justice National Occupational Standards for Crime Scene Investigators. In addition, participants will be required to complete a final written examination and demonstrate engagement with the course syllabus and pass a linked scene practical. This practical will then be taken forward to a formative exercise in statement writing and courtroom presentation.

## Location, Accommodation & Subsistence

The course is run at Alecto's laboratory and training facility at the Shrivenham Hundred Business Park in Oxfordshire. Alecto has a custom-built training facility with simulated crime scene spaces and a dedicated outdoor space for external crime scenes and vehicle examination. We have access to local, high-quality accommodation if required.

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