

MPQC Level 3 Certificate for the Heavy Clay Industry							
Ofqual Reference Number:	610/5317/X				Regulation Start Date:	Regulation End Date:	Certification End Date:
Qualification Level: 3	EQF Level: 4	Credits: 15	GLH: 43	TQT: 151	01/03/2025	28/02/2030	28/02/2033
Qualification Purpose:	Primary Purpose – Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area						
Applicable National Occupational Standard(s):	Not applicable.						
Qualification Summary:	This Level 3 Certificate has been designed to provide candidates with an in-depth knowledge of the Heavy Clay industry including raw materials, forming and setting, drying and firing, packaging and distribution and quality control. The qualification also provides an overview of management systems and is aimed at individuals already employed in the industry who intend to pursue a career.						
Qualification Structure:	The qualification is made up of four mandatory units which are delivered as part of a distance learning course. In order to achieve the qualification, candidates must successfully complete 5 knowledge assessments taken at set points in the course in controlled conditions.						
Pre-Entry Requirements:	None.						
Exemptions and RPL:	Refer to MP Awards Exemption and RPL Policy PP0033 for more details.						
Language of Assessment:	English						
Progression Route:	Candidates may progress to further study at University level, such as those with the University of Derby, or to roles with more responsibility within the Heavy Clay sector.						

Mandatory Units – candidates must achieve ALL units							
Unit Title	Unit Status	Level	Credits	Ofqual Reference	MP Awards Reference	GLH	TQT
Introduction to the Heavy Clay Industry	M	3	4	A/651/4868	HCI301	12	39
Raw Materials in the Heavy Clay Industry	M	3	3	D/651/4869	HCI302	8	32
Manufacturing Processes in the Heavy Clay Industry	M	3	4	J/651/4870	HCI303	15	40
Drying and Firing of Heavy Clay Products	M	3	4	K/651/4871	HCI304	8	40

Centre Staff Requirements:**Assessors** and **Internal Quality Assurers** must:

1. Be **registered** and recognised **by an Approved Centre, registered and approved by MP Awards**.
2. Hold, or are working towards the appropriate qualification as listed in the table below:

Assessor	Internal Verifier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment, or • Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement, or • SQA Accredited L&D 9DI Assess Workplace Competence Using Direct and Indirect Methods (SCQF Level 8), or • A1 Assess Learners Using a Range of Methods*, or • D32 and D33 Assess Learner Performance Using Differing Sources of Evidence*. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process and Practice, or • Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Process and Practice, or • SQA Accredited L&D 11 Internally Monitor and Maintain the Quality of Workplace Assessment (SCQF Level 8), or • V1 Conduct Internal Verification of the Assessment Process*, or • D34 Internally Verify the Assessment Process*.

*Holders of A1, D32 or D33 must:

- Assess to the revised National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Assessment;
- Show evidence of CPD to the revised NOS;
- Show evidence of having assessed within the last 18 months;

*Holders of V1 or D34 must:

- Verify to the revised National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Internal Verification;
- Show evidence of CPD to the revised NOS;
- Show evidence of having internally verified within the last 18 months.

Assessment Methods:

Must be delivered, assessed and quality assured in accordance with the Minerals Matter Assessment Strategy and MP Awards evidence requirements.

This is a knowledge-only qualification and should be delivered as a structured course using the course materials provided. It is advised that the course is delivered to cohorts of learners at set times.

Minimum Performance Evidence Requirements:

None

Assessing Knowledge and Understanding:

Assessment is by externally set assessments undertaken in controlled conditions. These must be delivered throughout the course at set times and invigilated in line with MP Awards' requirements.

Assessment System:

This qualification uses assessments set and marked by MP Awards.

Endorsements: None

Fee Structure

Full Qualification and Unit registration fees which are inclusive of certification fees can be found on the approved price list, details are available on the website or by contacting MP Awards on 0115 972 6121

Review of Charges: Fees are reviewed annually