

In 2016, the MPQC Safety, Health and Environmental qualifications underwent a complete review. A vast amount of duplication was removed, and units were moved around so that the content better matched the unit titles.

During this review, a clear progression route was embedded into the qualifications, with units from the Level 4 qualification forming a core part of the Level 6 qualification and some units from the Level 6 forming part of the Level 7. These structures encourage progression, with the ability to claim RPL for units already achieved when moving up to a higher level.

This ability to claim RPL only applies to the current versions of the qualifications because of the way the units were restructured during the review. Considering a number of recent enquiries, MP Awards has decided to offer certain exemptions for candidates who achieved the previous QCF versions of the SHE qualifications when progressing to a higher level, or when progressing to a different pathway at the same level.

These exemptions only relate to candidates who have achieved the FULL qualification and are only applicable as detailed in the table below when progressing to a higher level.

Qual ref.	Qual Title	Details of exemption
603/0572/1	MPQC Level 6 Diploma in Safety, Health and Environmental Management in Mineral Products Operations	600/0737/0 Level 4 Diploma in Health, Safety and Environmental Management for the Extractive and Minerals Processing Industries (QCF)
	Quarry Operations Pathway	Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from the following units: SHE01, SHE02, SHE03, SHE04
	Quarry Blasting Operations	The above units plus SHE06 The above units plus SHE06, SHE07
603/1035/2	MPQC Level 7 Diploma in Safety, Health and Environmental Management in Mineral Products Operations	600/3796/9 Level 6 Diploma in Health, Safety and Environmental Management for the Extractive and Minerals Processing Industries (QCF)
	Quarry Operations pathway	Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from the following units: SHE09, SHE11, SHE13
	Quarry Blasting Operations	The above units plus SHE06 The above units plus SHE06, SHE07, SHE15

All qualification achievements must be within the last 10 years and must have been for the FULL qualification.

Approved Centres must ensure that they can verify the candidate’s achievement of the QCF qualification by seeing the qualification certificate. A copy of the candidate’s certificate must be included when applying for an exemption and retained within the portfolio of evidence.

As always, Assessors must ensure that the Candidate’s knowledge and performance related to the exempted units is at the required higher level. Additional training and assessment should take place where candidates cannot demonstrate they are operating at the required higher level.

Exemptions may also be applied for instances where candidates wish to undertake additional pathways at the same level, having already achieved the QCF qualification in a different pathway. These exemptions are detailed below:

Qual ref.	Qual Title	Details of exemption
603/0571/X	MPQC Level 4 Diploma in Safety, Health and Environmental Management in Mineral Products Operations	<p>600/0737/0 Level 4 Diploma in Health, Safety and Environmental Management for the Extractive and Minerals Processing Industries (QCF)</p> <p>Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from ALL mandatory units in Pathway 1 when moving on to Pathway 2 (Quarry Operations)</p> <p>Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from ALL mandatory units in Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 when moving on to Pathway 3 (Quarry Blasting Operations)</p>
603/0572/1	MPQC Level 6 Diploma in Safety, Health and Environmental Management in Mineral Products Operations	<p>600/3796/9 Level 6 Diploma in Health, Safety and Environmental Management for the Extractive and Minerals Processing Industries (QCF)</p> <p>Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from ALL mandatory units in Pathway 1 when moving on to Pathway 2 (Quarry Operations)</p> <p>Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from ALL mandatory units in Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 when moving on to Pathway 3 (Quarry Blasting Operations)</p>

603/1035/2	MPQC Level 7 Diploma in Safety, Health and Environmental Management in Mineral Products Operations	<p>600/3792/1 Level 7 Diploma in Health, Safety and Environmental Management for the Extractive and Minerals Processing Industries (QCF)</p> <p>Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from ALL mandatory units in Pathway 1 when moving on to Pathway 2 (Quarry Operations)</p> <p>Candidates who achieved the FULL qualification above within the last 10 years may apply for an exemption from ALL mandatory units in Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 when moving on to Pathway 3 (Quarry Blasting Operations)</p>
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As always, Assessors must ensure that the Candidate’s knowledge and performance related to the exempted units covers the new pathway. Additional training and assessment should take place where candidates cannot demonstrate knowledge and performance related to the new pathway environment.