

MPQC Level 4 Diploma in Health, Safety and Environmental Management in Mineral Products Operations							
Ofqual Reference Number	610/6940/1				Accreditation Start Date:	Accreditation End Date:	Certification End Date:
Qualification Level: 4	EQF Level: 4	Credits: 60	GLH: 203	TQT: 604	01/02/2026	31/12/2030	31/12/2033
Qualification Purpose:	Primary Purpose - Confirm competence in an occupational role to the standards required Additional Purpose – To aid selection into a specific job role						
Applicable National Occupational Standard(s):	Site Management NOS Please see the NOS database for details https://www.ukstandards.org.uk/						
Qualification Summary:	The aim of the qualification is to enable Candidates to demonstrate the skills and knowledge to manage health, safety and the environment on a range of mineral products sites.						
Qualification Structure:	To achieve the full qualification all Candidates must complete all of assessment criteria in the 5 Mandatory units. There are 3 optional units available for candidates who supervise or manage quarries to comply with the Quarries Regulations 1999 and units should be selected according to the candidate’s role and site: For activities within a quarry environment where the candidate has responsibility for or an involvement in managing excavations and tips at any time , unit MHSE05 should be undertaken. For activities within a quarry environment where blasting takes place, where the candidate has limited responsibility that does not include the blasting activities, the candidate should undertake unit SHE07. For activities within a quarry environment where the candidate has responsibility at any time for blasting activities, units SHE07 and SHE15 should be selected. Where a candidate’s role has responsibility at any time for managing excavations and tips and blasting activities, all 3 optional units should be undertaken.						
Pre-Entry Requirements:	None						
Exemptions:	Where a previously completed unit has exactly the same reference number and the context of the activity is appropriate an exemption may be claimed following approval from the AO. RPL could be claimed where a unit may have been updated to show a different reference number but the Candidate can demonstrate their competence is still current, relevant, reliable and sufficient. Refer to MP Awards Exemption and RPL Policy for more details.						
Language of Assessment:	English						
Progression Route:	For progression Candidates may undertake the MPQC Level 6 Diploma in Mineral Products Site Management.						

Mandatory Units – all candidates <u>MUST</u> achieve all units							
Unit Title	Mandatory Unit (M)	Level	Credits	Ofqual Reference	MP Awards Reference	Guided Learning Hours	RPL
Managing Competence in Mineral Products Operations	M	4	8	D/651/9034	MHSE01	28	
Managing Risk Assessments and Safe Systems of Work in Mineral Products Operations	M	6	15	F/651/9035	MHSE02	52	
Managing Operations on Mineral Products Sites	M	4	12	H/651/9036	MHSE03	40	
Improving Health, Safety and the Environment in Mineral Products Operations	M	4	10	J/651/9037	MHSE04	35	
Supervision of Teams and Individuals in Mineral Products Operations	M	4	15	T/615/2452	SHE05	48	

Optional Units – Candidates <u>MAY</u> achieve units where relevant to job role							
Unit Title	Optional Unit (O)	Level	Credits	Ofqual Reference	MP Awards Reference	Guided Learning Hours	RPL
Managing Excavations and Tips in Quarries	O	5	12	K/651/9038	MHSE05	36	
Knowledge of Drilling and Blasting in Quarries	O	4	4	F/615/2454	SHE07	26	
Manage Drilling and Blasting in Quarries	O	6	4	D/615/2462	SHE15	30	

Centre Staff Requirements:

Assessors and **Internal Verifiers** 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 Quality Assurer
<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:

- Quality assure to the revised National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Internal Quality Assurance;
- Show evidence of CPD to the revised NOS;
- Show evidence of having internally quality assured within the last 18 months.

Assessment Methods:

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

For this qualification all learning outcomes must be assessed using methods appropriate to the assessment of competence-based qualifications. There must be valid, authentic and sufficient evidence for all the assessment criteria. There is no requirement for each unit to be assessed separately. Indeed, Assessors are encouraged to adopt a holistic approach, but it is essential that evidence for the assessment criteria in each unit is also identified individually.

The primary source of performance evidence will be from examining products of work produced by the candidate supported by observation in the workplace, candidate testimony and questioning/discussions, supported by other forms of evidence such as witness testimonies.

Simulation is generally not allowed, exceptions to this will be indicated in the appropriate Assessment Strategy, these must be agreed prior to use with the External Verifier.

Minimum Performance Evidence Requirements:

It is expected that this qualification will be delivered over a sufficient period of time to enable the demonstration of **repeatable** performance and allow for quality assurance to be undertaken. This 'period of time' could vary dependent on the candidate's ability to generate suitable and sufficient evidence. MP Awards recommends a minimum timeframe for this qualification of **10 weeks**. This should be measured from the date of candidate registration. The **mandatory** minimum timeframe for this qualification is **4 weeks** measured from the first assessment judgement to when the achievement record is signed off and must include a minimum of 2 assessments on different dates.

Assessing Knowledge and Understanding:

For this qualification all learning outcomes must be assessed using methods appropriate to the assessment of workplace knowledge. There must be valid, authentic and sufficient evidence for all of the assessment criteria. The examples in the list are not exhaustive.

Holistic approach is encouraged. Verbal/written questioning (recorded); Professional interview (recorded); candidate statements

Assessment System: Whilst Approved Centres are free to develop their own assessment record system; MP Awards has unit assessment sheets for Centres to record evidence which are available at no cost. However, Centres must check with MP Awards when devising their own assessment system to ensure it meets the standards in full.

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 and any changes notified to Approved Centres in October for implementation in January