

MPQC Level 4 Diploma in Supervision of Underground Mining Operations							
Ofqual Reference Number	601/8324/X				Accreditation Start Date:	Accreditation End Date:	Certification End Date:
Qualification Level: 4	EQF Level: 5	Credits: 49	GLH: 349	TQT: 490	01/02/2016	31/12/2026	31/12/2029
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):	Supervision of Underground Mining Operations Please see the NOS database for details https://www.ukstandards.org.uk/						
Qualification Summary:	This qualification is aimed at those individuals who are responsible for the supervisory functions in all types of mines. Certificates will be endorsed with the specific mining environment relevant to the assessment as detailed on page 4.						
Qualification Structure:	To achieve the full qualification, Candidates need to complete all the assessment criteria in the 6 Mandatory units. Additional units are not compulsory; however, Candidates may choose to do one or more of these units where they are offered to gain additional credits. Additional units will be recorded on the certificate but will not be counted towards the achievement of the qualification. Unit registration and certification is available.						
Pre-Entry Requirements:	None						
Exemptions and RPL:	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 PP0033 for more details.						
Language of Assessment:	English						
Progression Route:	A number of specialised Mining qualifications are available for progression which could be completed if appropriate to the role.						

Mandatory Units – Candidates MUST achieve all units							
Unit Title	Mandatory Units (M)	Level	Credits	Ofqual Reference	MP Awards Reference	Guided Learning	RPL Units
Identify Health and Safety Hazards and Risks in Mines	M	4	5	J/508/0369	SUM02v2	25	J/601/9629
Control Major Mining Hazards	M	4	13	A/508/0370	SUM03v2	105	A/601/9630
Carry Out Mine Safety First Aid and Emergency Organisation	M	4	3	F/508/0371	SUM04v2	16	F/601/9631
Contribute to Maintaining and Improving Health and Safety in the Mine	M	4	6	J/508/0372	SUM05v2	45	J/601/9632
Lead the Work of Teams and Individuals to Achieve Objectives in Extractives and Mineral Processing Industries	M	4	9	R/507/1593	PO15	48	L/601/9924
Supervise Underground Mining Activities	M	4	13	L/508/0373	SUM16v2	110	

Additional Units – Candidates MAY complete one or more of the units							
Unit Title	Additional Units (A)	Level	Credits	Ofqual Reference	MPQC Reference	Guided Learning	RPL Units
Supervise Mines Surface Activities	A	4	9	R/508/0374	SUM13v2	56	M/601/9639
Manage the Receipt, Storage or Dispatch of Goods at Mines	A	3	3	M/602/2489	SUM14	21	

Centre Staff Requirements:

Assessors and **Internal Verifiers** must:

1. Be **registered** and recognised **by an Approved Centre, registered and approved by MP Awards.**
2. Work in a **senior role**, such as Technical Manager or Supervisor
3. Have substantial experience in a technical role
4. 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 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/ies, 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 observations 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 developed a ready-made system for Centres to use which is available at no cost. However, Centres are advised to check with MP Awards when devising their own assessment system to ensure it meets the standards in full.

Endorsements: The qualification and unit credits should be endorsed with the type of mine where the evidence was produced:

Coal Mine	Petrochemical Storage Mine	Waste Storage Mine
Stone Mine	Tourist Mine – Coal	Mine Shaft Sinking
Mineral Mine - Non-coal	Tourist Mine – Non-Coal	
General Storage	Museum Mine	

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