

# Purpose Statement

## Open Awards Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Skills for Explosive Operatives (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to progress to/or in the role of an Explosive Operative. The qualification was designed with employers and industry leaders to provide you with knowledge and skills for logistic and processing of Explosive Substances and Articles (ESA). For those already in employment, this qualification will contribute to your professional development.

### Who is it for?

The qualification has been designed to be delivered in the workplace, therefore, you should be employed or entering employment within the logistics and processing areas of the ESA sector.

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to complete an 8-credit unit which is 80 hours of total qualification time and covers Operating Safely within Explosive Substances and Articles (ESA).

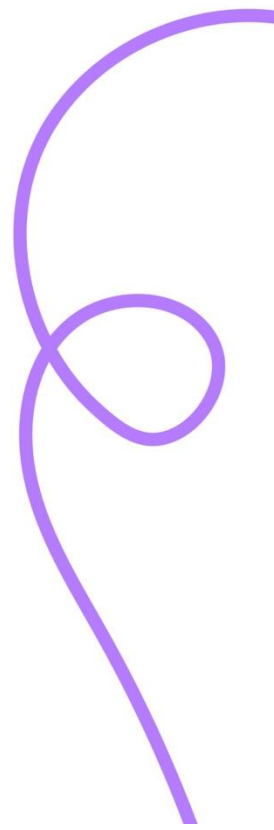
To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 26 credits which is 260 hours of total qualification time. To achieve the Diploma, you will need to complete 37 credits which is 370 hours of total qualification time.

For the Certificate and Diploma, you will need to achieve the mandatory units which are Operating Safely with Explosive Substances and Articles and Understanding Environmental Factors that affect ESA Operations. Then you will choose units from Optional groups B, C and D.

From Optional Group B you will complete work-related skills units which include communication skills, developing effective working relationships with colleagues and resilience skills.

From Optional Group C – Logistics and Processing there are a variety of units which include, but are not limited to: assembling orders, stock control, operating equipment, and processing orders.

From Option Group D – Disposals there are four units which are assemble explosive substances and articles for disposal, supervise the disposal of explosive substances and articles, contribute to disposal tasks for explosive substances and articles, and contribute to post disposal tasks for explosive substances and articles.



## **What are the entry requirements?**

You should be over 18 at the time of commencing the qualification, due to the health and safety requirements and the nature of the qualifications. It is desirable that you hold a GCSE in English and/or Maths but it is not a mandatory requirement.

## **What are the assessment methods?**

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is your own work.

## **What are the progression opportunities?**

This qualification provides a mechanism for you to gain occupational skills and knowledge and to progress within the role of Explosive Operative.

There may be opportunities to develop your skills and knowledge further and to progress to a supervisory role within the Explosive Substances and Articles sector.

## **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported and endorsed by the Institute for Explosive Engineers and the Ministry of Defence.

