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Open Awards Level 1 Award in Introduction to the Use of Pyrotechnics (RQF)

603/6449/X



QUALIFICATION GUIDE

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About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Level 1 Award in Introduction to the Use of Pyrotechnics (RQF)
QAN	603/6449/X
Sector	4.2 Manufacturing Technologies
Level	Level 1
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
Review Date	31/07/2026

Ofqual Purpose	C – Prepare for employment
Ofqual Sub-Purpose	C2 – Prepare for employment in a broad occupational area

Age Range and Restrictions:	
Pre -16	x
16 – 18	✓
19+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any specified entry requirements
It is advisable that learners are over 16 and have at least Level 1 skills in English in order to read and understand the course materials.

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

Learners will either complete a portfolio of evidence set and marked by the education provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards. Or may complete an online learning programme and a summative assessment.

Candidates must provide sufficient evidence that they have the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is their own work.

Types of evidence, if completing a portfolio, could include:

- a) Observation of performance
- b) Questioning (written or oral)
- c) Practical Activities
- d) Photographs or videos
- e) Personal statements
- f) Project work
- g) Witness testimonies
- h) Group discussion
- i) Recognition of Prior Learning

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.



This qualification has been developed in partnership with the Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE) who are the recommended delivery partner. This qualification combines their existing Badge of Excellence Programmes of Explosives Safety and Handling and Pyrotechnics in Training. These programme, associated assessment plans and risk management has been externally quality assured by Open Awards to ensure they meet the full requirements of the qualification.

IExpE aims to be the organisation that establishes and oversees National Occupational Standards for the Explosives Industry and to provide a forum that enables and promotes consultation between individuals, professional private organisations, government departments and armed forces experts within the explosives industry.

Open Awards and The Institute of Explosives Engineers

The new qualification will set the basic safety and knowledge requirements for anyone wishing to enter the Sector.

Where the IExpE approves other organisations to deliver training on their behalf, this will be managed through a sub-contracting arrangement directly with them. In this case, centres are not required to go through centre recognition with Open Awards. Learner registration, internal quality assurance of the delivery and assessment remains the responsibility of the IExpE; and external quality assurance of the delivery, assessment and award of qualifications remains the responsibility of Open Awards.

Please be aware that approval from IExpE to use this qualification and associated training materials does not constitute approval from Open Awards to deliver other regulated qualifications in their own right.

For more information about how the qualification and the delivery of this qualification, please contact stephanieball@iexpe.org or call 01785 594136.

Qualification Units

Rules of Combination	
Award	
Credit Value of the Qualification	3
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	3
Mandatory Units A	3

Mandatory Group A

Unit Reference Code	Unit Name	Credits	Level
D/618/4005	Introduction to Pyrotechnics	1	Level One
K/618/4007	Introduction to the Safe Handling of Pyrotechnics	2	Level One

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Centre

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards centre or work in partnership with the IExpE. Centres registered with Open Awards will be fast tracked through registration with IExpE. For more information please visit <https://iexpe.org/education-and-training/>

If you are already an approved Open Awards centre, you can deliver this qualification by completing a [New Qualification Request Form](#) via the Open Awards portal. For more information, see the Centre Handbook, or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

Registering Learners

If you are working in partnership with the IExpE, all learner registrations must be completed by them. Please contact stephanieball@iexpe.org or **01785 594136** to discuss your learner registrations.

Open Awards require all learners to be registered within the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.
Full year long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

Learners will need to be registered via the Open Awards [portal](#).

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Template forms and guidance documents are available via the Open Awards portal.

Centre Staff Requirements

It is expected that centres will have occupationally competent staff with relevant sector experience for their role in the delivery of the units/qualifications being offered.

For the delivery and assessment of this qualification, it is expected that staff have a qualification at the level or higher in a related subject or to be able to demonstrate recent and relevant experience of working within this field; and have up-to-date working knowledge and experience of best practice in assessment and quality assurance.

Centres are responsible for ensuring that their staff are occupationally competent and have access to appropriate training and support. They are also responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Centres delivering this qualification through the IExpE do not need to become an Open Awards site as the assessment and internal quality assurance procedures

will be the responsibility of the IExpE, and all learner registrations will be managed by them as an Open Awards centre.

Centres already registered with Open Awards are able to be easily registered to deliver the Qualification. Please see <https://iexpe.org/education-and-training/> for more information on working in partnership with them and to view their delivery requirements.

Training and support

Open Awards offers training and support events in Delivery & Assessment and Quality Assurance. These events are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of these training events are on our [website](#).

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

All centres delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A centre must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

Centre approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewers/External Quality Assurers who will confirm that the centre is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.

Please refer to Internal and External Quality Assurance within the Centre Handbook.

Standardisation

Centres are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers Standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

Further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation please refer to the [Centre Handbook](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the centre to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external verification by the Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewer for the centre.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on the Open Awards [portal](#).

Health and Safety

Due to the nature of this qualification, the highest levels of risk assessment and safety have been considered by Open Awards.

This has been carried out in conjunction with IExpE who will be overseeing all aspects of health and safety through the referral and control measures mentioned previously,

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Invoicing Policy
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