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# Homeland Security Qualifications

## Who are we?

Homeland Security Qualifications (HSQ) came into being in 2006 as a company dedicated to supporting the continuing development of competence standards and qualifications for the explosives industry. The company was established by a founding member of the Standards Setting Body for Explosives Munitions and Search Occupations and its long-standing Special Adviser.

By 2008, it was clear that the unique structure and needs of the United Kingdom's explosives industry did not suit conventional awarding bodies. We have therefore set out to provide awarding body services to the explosives industry – both at home and abroad. Although widely accepted as a qualifications awarding body by key stakeholders in the explosives industry, HSQ is not yet currently accredited by the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual). However, we are working to achieve such recognition.

We can draw on a wide range of skills and knowledge to design and to help clients implement specifications of occupational competence and related qualifications. We have a unique track record in helping governmental, commercial and third sector clients to achieve their HR goals, particularly – but by no means exclusively - in the fields of explosives and defence-related activities. Whether it is developing and linking organizational role profiles with existing standards and qualifications or creating new ones, HSQ staff have undertaken this kind of work in the fields of defence, meteorology and forensic science to name but a few. We also have long experience of operating qualifications schemes, including developing and implementing the internal administrative and quality assurance arrangements. We are already providing awarding body and consultancy services to a government agency.

## What do we offer?

### **1 QCF-STYLE AWARDS, CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS**

- Level 4 Diploma in Defence Range Safety (DRS)
- Level 3 Diploma in Defence Range Safety
- Level 3 Certificate in Defence Range Safety
- Level 2 Award in the Movement of Explosives

### **2 BESPOKE QUALIFICATIONS**

In some circumstances, it may be sufficient for an employer to seek external recognition of an internal HR process, eg accreditation of training programmes and/or employee competence measured against role profiles or internal/external competence standards. Such an approach will work particularly well if the employer is able and willing to incorporate such qualifications in its own internal HR process, and even better if other employers recognize the worth of such a scheme. HSQ is able to help employers develop such schemes and can provide the much-needed external certification service, relying largely on the employer's own quality assurance processes.

### 3 VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Key Role	Qualification	Scheme no
1	L4 Research into ESA	01-001-04
	L4 Design and/or Development of ESA	01-002-04
	L3 Research, Design and Development of ESA	01-003-03
2	<b>L4 Explosives safety management and/or advice and/or regulation</b>	<b>02-001-04</b>
	L3 Explosive safety supervision	<b>02-002-03</b>
3	<b>L4 Test and Evaluation Management of ESA</b>	<b>03-001-04</b>
	<b>L3 Test and Evaluation Supervision of ESA</b>	<b>03-002-03</b>
	<b>L2 Test and Evaluation Operations of ESA</b>	<b>03-003-02</b>
4	L4 ESA Manufacturing Management	04-001-04
	L3 ESA Manufacturing Supervision	04-002-03
	L2 ESA Manufacturing Operations	04-003-02
5	L4 Explosives Maintenance Management	05-001-04
	L3 Explosives Maintenance Supervision	05-002-03
	<b>L2 Explosives Maintenance Operations</b>	<b>05-003-02</b>
6	L4 ESA Procurement Management	06-001-04
	L3 ESA Procurement	06-002-03
7	L4 Explosives Storage Management	07-001-04
	L3 Explosives Storage Supervision	07-002-03
	<b>L2 Explosives Storage Operations</b>	<b>07-003-02</b>
8	L3 Explosives Transport Supervision	08-001-03
	<b>L2 Explosives Road Transport Operations</b>	<b>08-002-02</b>
11	L4 ESA Disposal Management	11-001-04
	L3 ESA Disposal Supervision/Operations	11-002-03
	L2 ESA Disposal Operations	11-003-02
12	<b>L4 Planning and management of MC operations</b>	<b>12-001-04</b>
	<b>L4 Planning and management of ST search operations</b>	<b>12-002-04</b>
	<b>L3 Supervisory management of MC and/or ST search operations</b>	<b>12-003-03</b>
	<b>L3 Search for and disposal of munitions</b>	<b>12-004-03</b>
	<b>L3 Search for munitions and/or ST</b>	<b>12-005-03</b>
	<b>L2 Contribute to the search and/or disposal function</b>	<b>12-006-02</b>
	<b>L1 Provide support for search or munition clearance operations</b>	<b>12-007-01</b>
13	<b>L2 General Explosives Operations</b>	<b>13-001-02</b>

#### **Key to the list of vocational qualifications (VQ) above**

Generally, Level 4 VQs are for operational managers, Level 3 VQs are for supervisors, Level 2 VQs are for operators and Level 1 VQs are for support staff.

Scheme listed in **bold red** are available immediately to HSQ Approved Centres.

ESA = Explosive Substances & Articles, MC = Munition Clearance, ST = Specified Target(s)

### 4 SPECIALIST CONSULTANCY AND SUPPORT

With their specialist knowledge of HR processes and qualifications design and implementation, HSQ staff are well-placed to provide consultancy and support in these areas.

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