



**Level 6 Diploma in Hostile
Environment Operations**

Qualification Specification

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Introduction

The Level 6 Diploma in Hostile Environment Operations is aimed at personnel deploying within a complex/hostile environment. The qualification demonstrates that an individual has achieved knowledge, understanding and skills which contribute to their safety and survival when operating in a complex/hostile environment.

The awarding organisation for the qualification is ProQual Awarding Body and the regulatory body is the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).

The qualification has been accredited onto the Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF).

Qualification Profile Level 6 Diploma in Hostile Environment Operations

Qualification title	ProQual Level 6 Diploma in Hostile Environment Operations
Ofqual qualification number	603/3049/1
Level	Level 6
Total qualification time	15 days
Assessment	Pass or fail Internally assessed and verified by centre staff External quality assurance by ProQual verifiers
Qualification start date	19/3/2018
Qualification end date	31/7/2026
Age Ranges	18+

Entry Requirements

Candidates must be aged 18+.

Qualification Structure

Candidates must complete the Mandatory Unit.

Mandatory Unit		
Unit Reference Number	Unit Title	Unit Level
R/616/9243	Hostile environment operations	6

Assessment

The unit requires the assessment of knowledge, understanding and skills which can be demonstrated during a rigorous training programme undertaken in a purpose-built training environment.

There must be valid, authentic and sufficient evidence for all the assessment criteria. However, one piece of evidence may be used to meet the requirements of more than one learning outcome or assessment criterion.

Centre Requirements

Centres must be approved to offer this qualification. If your centre is not approved please complete and submit form **ProQual Additional Qualification Approval Application**.

Staff

Staff delivering this qualification must be appropriately qualified and occupationally competent.

Assessors/Internal Quality Assurance

Centres must be able to provide at least one assessor and one internal quality assurance verifier who are suitably qualified for the specific occupational area. Assessors and internal quality assurance verifiers for competence-based units or qualifications will normally need to hold appropriate assessor or verifier qualifications, such as:

Assessors and IQA Verifiers are required to have had operational experience in a hostile environment.

Centres must demonstrate that they have appropriate training facilities and resources to be able to facilitate the delivery, assessment and internal quality assurance of this qualification.

Support for Candidates

Materials produced by centres to support candidates should:

- enable them to track their achievements as they progress through the learning outcomes and assessment criteria;
- provide information on where ProQual's policies and procedures can be viewed;
- provide a means of enabling Internal and External Quality Assurance staff to authenticate evidence

Assessment

Candidates must demonstrate the level of knowledge and skill described in the units. Assessment is the process of measuring a candidate's knowledge, understanding and performance against the standards set in the qualification.

Each candidate is required to produce evidence which demonstrates their achievement of all of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for each unit.

- Evidence can include:
- assignments/projects/reports
 - worksheets
 - portfolio of evidence
 - record of oral and/or written questioning
 - candidate test papers

Learning outcomes set out what a candidate is expected to know, understand or be able to do. **Assessment criteria** specify the standard a candidate must meet to show the learning outcome has been achieved.

There must be valid, authentic and sufficient for all the assessment criteria. However, one piece of evidence may be used to meet the requirements of more than one learning outcome or assessment criterion.

Learning outcomes for this qualification can be found from page 7 in this document.

Internal Quality Assurance

An internal quality assurance verifier confirms that assessment decisions made in centres are made by competent and qualified assessors, that they are the result of sound and fair assessment practice and that they are recorded accurately and appropriately.

Adjustments to Assessment

Adjustments to standard assessment arrangements are made on the individual needs of candidates. ProQual's Reasonable Adjustments Policy and Special Consideration Policy sets out the steps to follow when implementing reasonable adjustments and special considerations and the service that ProQual provides for some of these arrangements.

Centres should contact ProQual for further information or queries about the contents of the policy.

Results Enquiries and Appeals

All enquiries relating to assessment or other decisions should be dealt with by centres, with reference to ProQual's Enquiries and Appeals Procedures.

Certification

Candidates who achieve the requirements for this qualification will be awarded:

- A certificate listing the unit achieved, and
- A certificate giving the full qualification title -

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Claiming certificates

Centres may claim certificates for candidates who have been registered with ProQual and who have successfully achieved the requirements for a qualification. All certificates will be issued to the centre for successful candidates.

Replacement certificates

If a replacement certificate is required a request must be made to ProQual in writing. Replacement certificates are labelled as such and are only provided when the claim has been authenticated. Refer to the Fee Schedule for details of charges for replacement certificates.

Unit R/616/9243

Hostile Environment Operations

Learning outcomes are listed below, full details about the Assessment Criteria are provided to approved ProQual centres.

1. Effectively plan and prepare for operating in a complex/hostile environment
2. Competently operate within a crisis management team.
3. Demonstrate personal security strategies.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of foreign liaisons.
5. Understand the dynamics of radio procedures.
6. Be competent in incident management.
7. Have a generic understanding of weapons and mines.
8. Understand the generic make-up and deployment of mines.
9. Mitigate the escalation of civil unrest and demonstrations.
10. Understand Improvised explosive device generics and their methodology
11. Conduct vehicle search.
12. Provide crisis management within an active shooter scenario.
13. Follow methodology for conduct under capture/hostage taking.
14. Be competent in escape and evasion techniques.

15. Show techniques to sustain life.
16. Be able to plan safe routes of passage.
17. Conduct vehicle ambush drills.
18. Conduct vehicle mine strike drills.
19. Demonstrate vehicle breakdown techniques in remote locations.
20. Understand ballistics and their capabilities.
21. Show an understanding of firearm characteristics and manipulation.
22. Identify the reasons for the covert carry of a firearm.
23. Gain close quarter combat skills (CQC – Self Defence).
24. Be able to conduct surveillance within a complex/hostile environment.
25. Be able to conduct Building/Venue reconnaissance.



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