



OVERVIEW OF BLASTING OPERATIONS – LEVEL 3

In order to achieve this award a total of **6 UNITS** must be completed. Additional Units are not a requirement of the award. However, individuals and/or their employers may find them helpful to enhance the scope of the award and reflect broader job roles and additional competences. For those not wishing, or able, to achieve the full award, **UNIT CREDIT CERTIFICATES** are available for each unit successfully completed.

MANDATORY UNITS (All units to be taken to achieve the FULL NVQ)

BL1	CONTRIBUTE TO AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE BLASTING ENVIRONMENT
BL2	CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE BLASTING WORKPLACE
BL4	RECEIVE AND HANDLE EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS ON-SITE
BL5	CHARGE BLAST HOLES TO SPECIFICATION
BL6	BLAST TO SPECIFICATION
BL7	DEAL WITH MISFIRES

ADDITIONAL UNITS

BL3	RECEIVE, STORE AND ISSUE EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS
BL8	DETERMINE THE BLAST REQUIREMENTS
BL9	DESIGN AND ARRANGE FOR AUTHORISATION OF THE BLAST SPECIFICATION
BL10	PRODUCE PROFILES OF ROCK FACES AND LANDFORMS
BL11	SUPERVISE THE BLASTING OPERATION