

Waste Qualifications

CIWM WAMITAB Level 1 Diploma in Recycling Activities

About this qualification

This qualification supports learners to develop the basic skills and knowledge required for employment and career progression within the recycling industry. This qualification is designed to confirm competence in occupational roles across the sector and will ensure that learners have the industry specific experience employers' demand.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Long-term unemployed who wish to retrain
- Apprentices
- Experienced workers that want evidence of their skills

What does this qualification cover?

The mandatory units within this qualification are designed to ensure that learners are competent to:

- Work safely in the recycling industry
- Maintain effective working relationships
- Maintain standards of service during recycling activities
- Facilitate environmental protection
- Undertake manual handling, lifting, and moving loads

The learner then chooses a pathway, ensuring that they follow the rules set within their pathway choice:

- Collection pathway: learners that select this pathway will develop the skills to collect recyclables, assist in the safe operation of vehicles and communicate effectively during recycling activities.
- Reception & processing pathway: learners that select this pathway will develop the skills to sort and prepare recyclables as well as operate equipment for processing recyclables.
- WEEE pathway: learners that select this pathway will develop the skills to collect, receive and process waste electrical and electronic equipment.

What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking the CIWM WAMITAB Level 1 Diploma in Recycling Activities do not require any other qualifications or levels of attainment to take this qualification. However, learners will need to be employed in a suitable position, or have access to the working environment, as the qualification is assessed 'on the job'.

What job role could this qualification lead to or support?

The CIWM WAMITAB Level 1 Diploma in Recycling Activities is a flexible qualification designed to confirm occupational competence for specific job roles in the industry or within a particular organisation – these job roles include:

- Transfer station operative
- Recycling operative
- Recyclables collection drivers
- Recycling collection loaders

People already working in relevant roles could be employed by local authorities, waste management companies or third sector (not for profit) organisations. This qualification will support the sector to overcome significant skills gaps, as nearly one in five members of the workforce (18%) has no qualifications (UKCES, 2012).

What are the opportunities for progression to further learning?

Learners that are interested in advancing their careers through further education can go on to study several qualifications at a higher level, including:

- Level 2 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities
- Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Sustainable Resource Management
- Level 3 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities (supervisory)

Learners may also decide to undertake an Apprenticeship in Sustainable Resource Management, following their achievement of this qualification.

General Information

Guided Learning Hours: 155* this is the amount of time the average learner is expected to spend in supervised learning and practice, but may vary by learner

Maximum Total Qualification Time: 206*

Ofqual Number: 600/0058/2

CIWM Code: GROC1 (Collection), GRORP1 (Reception & Processing), GROWE1/ GROWEC1 (WEEE)

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

Available in the following countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales

Qualification Structure

Learners must complete all Mandatory Units and choose a pathway.

Mandatory Group

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
D/502/6219	Working safely in the recycling industry	1	RA1.1
Y/502/6218	Maintain effective working relationships in the recycling industry	1	RA1.2
L/502/6216	Maintain standards of service during recycling activities	1	RA1.3
J/502/6215	Environmental protection within the recycling industry	1	RA1.4
R/602/2078	Manual handling, lifting and moving of loads in a waste environment	1	WO38

Collection Pathway (GROC1)

Learners who choose the Collection pathway must complete all Collection Mandatory Units, and then choose one unit from the Collection Optional Units group

Collection Pathway Mandatory Units

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
K/602/0918	Collect recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.5
Y/602/0915	Assist in the safe operation of work vehicles during recycling operations	1	RA1.8
Y/602/1076	Loading a waste transport vehicle	2	WO5
T/602/0887	Communicate with the public and others on recycling activities	2	RA2.6

Collection Optional Units

Learners must choose one unit from this group.

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
D/602/0916	Dispatch recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.7

T/502/6243	Comply with procedure to maintain security of facilities, equipment and materials within the recycling industry	1	RA1.10
R/502/6220	Sort and prepare recyclables and other materials for processing	1	RA1.11
M/602/0886	Encourage recycling services through promotion	2	RA2.7
A/602/0907	Select and use containers for recyclables and other materials	3	RA2.12

Reception and Processing Pathway (GRORP1)

Learners who choose the Reception and Processing pathway must complete all units in the Reception and Processing Mandatory Units group, and then choose one unit from the Reception and Processing Optional Units Group.

Reception and Processing Mandatory Units

Learners who choose the Reception and Processing pathway must complete all units in this group.

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
H/602/0917	Operate equipment for processing of recyclables and other materials	2	RA1.6
R/602/0914	Clean and maintain facilities and equipment for the processing of recyclables and other materials	2	RA1.9
R/502/6220	Sort and prepare recyclables and other materials for Processing.	1	RA1.11
T/602/0923	Prepare plant and equipment for processing recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.13

Reception and Processing Optional Units

Learners who choose the Reception and Processing pathway must choose one unit from this group.

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
D/602/0916	Dispatch recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.7
Y/602/0915	Assist in the safe operation of work vehicles during recycling operations	1	RA1.8
T/502/6243	Comply with procedure to maintain security of facilities, equipment and materials within the recycling industry	1	RA1.10

A/602/0924	Assist in the maintenance of plant and equipment for processing recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.12
M/602/0922	Operate and shut down processing plant	2	RA1.14
T/602/0887	Communicate with the public and others on recycling activities	2	RA2.6
M/602/0886	Encourage recycling services through promotion	2	RA2.7

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Pathway (GROWE1)

These are also the units for the GROWEC1 option used by Computers for Charities, where the CoC certificate will include 'Computer Refurbishment' in the title.

WEEE Optional Units

Learners who select the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment pathway must choose five units from this group.

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
K/602/0918	Collect recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.5
H/602/0917	Operate equipment for processing of recyclables and other materials	2	RA1.6
D/602/0916	Dispatch recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.7
Y/602/0915	Assist in the safe operation of work vehicles during recycling operations	1	RA1.8
R/602/0914	Clean and maintain facilities and equipment for the processing of recyclables and other materials	2	RA1.9
T/502/6243	Comply with procedure to maintain security of facilities, equipment and materials within the recycling industry	1	RA1.10
R/502/6220	Sort and prepare recyclables and other materials for processing.	1	RA1.11
A/602/0924	Assist in the maintenance of plant and equipment for processing recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.12
T/602/0923	Prepare plant and equipment for processing recyclables and other materials	1	RA1.13
M/602/0922	Operate and shut down processing plant	2	RA1.14
T/602/0887	Communicate with the public and others on recycling activities	2	RA2.6
M/602/0886	Encourage recycling services through promotion	2	RA2.7