

# Cleaning Qualifications

## CIWM WAMITAB Level 1 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills (food areas and appliances)

### About this qualification

This qualification supports individuals into work by providing the skills cleaning operatives require to prepare and clean food areas and appliances using appropriate equipment and cleaning agents.

Level 1 occupations within the cleaning sector are supported by the CIWM suite of practical cleaning skills qualifications. Providing specialist skills to the recently unemployed, the long-term unemployed and individuals that are new to the employment market increases employment opportunities within this sector.

### Who is it for?

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

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification, learners must complete two units. The learner will therefore need to complete all the mandatory units designed to ensure you:

- Can select and use appropriate personal protective equipment
- Can prepare cleaning agents and materials safely
- Can use cleaning equipment and machinery safely
- Can store cleaning agents, equipment and personal protective equipment correctly
- Can prepare work areas for cleaning by using hazard warning signs and ventilating areas
- Have the technical cleaning skills required to complete tasks

### 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 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills (food areas and appliances) 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?

This qualification could have significant benefits for the cleaning workforce as it will act as a gateway to opportunities for career progression or further education by building the confidence of employees and demonstrating that their skills have value.

Cleaning is one of the largest business sectors in the UK, employing over 437,600 people in 30,800 workplaces during 2012 (Asset Skills, 2013). This qualification is ideal for those employed in elementary occupations (79%) in the following job roles:

- Domestic cleaning operative
- Commercial cleaning operative
- Industrial cleaning operative

## What are the opportunities for progression to further learning?

Learners that are interested in advancing their careers through further education can go onto study several qualifications at a higher level, including: CIWM WAMITAB Level 2 Certificate in Cleaning and Support Services.

## General Information

**Maximum Guided Learning Hours:** 42\* (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:** 42\*

**Ofqual Number:** 601/4216/9

**CIWM Code:** PCA1

**Assessment:** Portfolio of evidence

**Available in the following countries:** England and Wales

## Qualification Structure

To achieve this qualification, learners must complete the Mandatory Units.

### Mandatory Unit Group

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
T/505/6651	Prepare to work in the cleaning industry	1	PCS06
J/505/6749	Prepare and clean food areas and appliances	1	PCS07