

Cleaning Qualifications

CIWM WAMITAB Level 1 Award in Practical Cleaning Skills (biohazard areas)

About this qualification

This qualification supports individuals into work by providing the skills cleaning operatives require to work at and clean biohazard areas.

Occupations at Level 1 within the cleaning sector are supported by the CIWM suite of practical cleaning skills qualifications. This suite provides specialist skills to the recently unemployed, the long-term unemployed and individuals that are new to the employment market increasing 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
- 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 (biohazard areas) 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 such as CIWM WAMITAB Level 2 Certificate in Cleaning and Support Services.

General Information

Maximum Guided Learning Hours: 48* (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: 48*

Ofqual Number: 603/4436/2

CIWM Code: PCBA1

Quartz Programme ID: 407 (or 387 for multiple practical cleaning qualifications)

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

Available in the following countries: England and Wales

Qualification Structure

Learners must complete all units within the mandatory unit group to achieve this qualification.

Mandatory Unit Group

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	GLH	CIWM Unit Code
T/505/6651	Prepare to work in the cleaning industry	1	26	PCS06
F/617/5846	Work at and clean biohazard areas	1	22	PCBA1