

Waste Qualifications

CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 5 Certificate for Healthcare Waste Manager at a Healthcare Facility

About this qualification

This qualification is designed to provide individuals working in healthcare waste management industry with the knowledge and skills to operate their site safely and effectively, while minimising environmental impacts.

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates competence by the learner to manage healthcare waste management effectively, ensuring that key stakeholders receive a reliable service delivered to a high standard.

Who is it for?

- Managers, team leaders or supervisors
- Experienced workers that want evidence of their skills

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification, learners must complete a total of 20 units to achieve the qualification. Learners must complete all mandatory units. Learners must then complete one unit from optional group one and four units from optional group two.

The mandatory units are designed to ensure that individuals have the knowledge and skills to:

- Comply with waste management legislation
- Develop healthcare waste management policies
- Manage healthcare waste safely and effectively
- Manage resources
- Manage contract procurement
- Conduct a waste management audit
- Implement a waste minimisation programme
- Deliver healthcare waste management training

The optional units cover a range of topics, including climate change adaptation auditing, managing environmental incidents, working relationships and selecting personnel for work activities.

(Please note: this qualification is not part of the CIWM (WAMITAB) Competence Scheme)

What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking the qualification do not require any other qualifications or levels of attainment. 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 is ideal for experienced people managing healthcare waste management operations that require evidence of their competence. It is a flexible qualification that can be tailored to meet the requirements of specific job roles in the sector or within a particular organisation. People already working in relevant roles could be employed by NHS, waste management companies or third sector (not-for-profit) organisations.

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:

- FdSc Wastes Management
- BSc Wastes Management
- MSc Waste and Resource Management

What next?

You can [become a CIWM member](#) and access an array of benefits tailored not only to provide you with all the tools you need to expand your knowledge, but also to boost your career.

General Information

Guided Learning Hours: 240* *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: 480* *this is the guided learning hours, plus the amount of time the average learner will spend in unsupervised practice and study, but may vary by learner

Ofqual Number: 610/0550/2

CIWM Code: HWMHF

Quartz Code: 547 (programme)/ 422 (qualification)

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

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

Qualification Structure

Learners must complete the 14 mandatory units from group 1 and then select 1 unit from optional group 1 and 5 units from the optional group 2.

Mandatory Group

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
R/650/1525	Comply with waste management legislation	5	HWM01
D/650/1529	Conduct a healthcare waste management audit and pre-acceptance audit	5	HWM05
J/650/1530	Manage the environmental impact of work activities at healthcare facilities, treatment facilities, and transport operations	5	HWM06
K/650/1531	Develop a healthcare waste management policy and plan	5	HWM07
M/650/1533	Manage a budget to support the efficient use of resources at a healthcare waste management facility	5	HWM09
Y/650/1536	Prepare and deliver in-house training	5	HWM11
A/650/1537	Implement a healthcare waste management plan	5	HWM12
D/650/1538	Implement a waste minimisation programme	5	HWM13
F/650/1539	Manage sharps waste safely at a healthcare facility	5	HWM14
K/650/1540	Manage the collection of hazardous and non-hazardous waste from a healthcare facility	5	HWM15
L/650/1541	Manage the movement, sorting and storage of hazardous and non-hazardous waste	5	HWM16
M/650/1542	Manage improvements to waste management practices based on principles of sustainability	5	HWM17
T/650/1544	Maintain health and safety in the waste management function at healthcare facilities and healthcare waste treatment facilities	5	HWM19
Y/650/1545	Manage waste transport operations for the transfer of hazardous and non-hazardous waste at a healthcare facility	5	HWM20

Optional Group 1

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
R/650/1534	Contribute to the development of tender bid documentation and contractor selection	5	HWM10a
T/650/1535	Implement, manage, and monitor contracted services	5	HWM10b

Option Group 2

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
T/650/1526	Contribute to the development of an environmental management system	5	HWM02
Y/650/1527	Contribute to the selection of personnel for activities	5	HWM03
A/650/1528	Create effective working relationships	5	HWM04
L/650/1532	Climate change adaption auditing and reporting	5	HWM08
R/650/1543	Manage environmental incidents and emergencies	5	HWM18
A/650/1546	Review the performance of teams and individuals	5	HWM21
D/650/1547	Prepare for an inspection visit	5	HWM22
F/650/1548	Manage the reception of infectious wastes at a healthcare waste treatment facility	5	HWM23
H/650/1549	Manage site operations for the treatment of infectious healthcare waste at a healthcare facility	5	HWM24
L/650/1550	Manage the disposal of outputs and residues from infectious healthcare waste treatment facilities and transport operations	5	HWM25
M/650/1551	Manage maintenance and other engineering operations	5	HWM26