

# Operator Competence Scheme

## CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 Medium Risk Operator Competence for Non-Hazardous Sludge and Land Spreading

### About this qualification

This qualification is part of the CIWM (WAMITAB) Operator Competence Scheme and is designed to provide technically competent people with the knowledge and skills to ensure waste sites comply with either:

- Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations
- The Waste Management Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates competence by the learner to manage permitted waste facilities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the following site activities:

- Mobile plant for land spreading (land treatment resulting in benefit)
- Mobile plant for land spreading of sewage sludge (land treatment resulting in benefit)
- Non-hazardous sludge – biological, chemical & physical treatment

### Who is it for?

- Technically competent managers
- Consultants
- Site managers and supervisors
- Standard Rules: SR2010No4 and SR2010No6 (England and Wales)

### How is this qualification delivered?

This qualification is assessed in the workplace via portfolio of evidence.

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification, learners will need to complete **five** mandatory units:

- Maintain health and safety in the waste and resource management industry (OCS01)
- Manage the environmental impact of work activities (OCS02)
- Manage the movement, sorting and storage of waste (OCS05)
- Control work activities on a waste management facility (OCS06)
- Manage the reception of non-hazardous waste (OCS12)

Learners can then choose **one** of the following optional units:

- Manage Transfer and Disposal from Non-Hazardous Waste Treatment and Recovery Operations (OCS20)
- Manage transfer and disposal from biological treatment operations (OCS60)

## What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking the CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 Medium Risk Operator Competence for Non-Hazardous Sludge and Land Spreading 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 new or experienced people managing waste and resource management operations that require evidence of their competence, knowledge, and skills to ensure waste sites comply with the relevant legislation in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

## What next?

Once you have achieved your Operator Competence qualification, you will be required to pass a Continuing Competence assessment every two years if you wish to act as the recognised technically competent manager (TCM) on a waste site. All TCM's must be able to demonstrate that they have kept their knowledge and skills up to date. (**Please note:** in Northern Ireland specific Continuing Competence arrangements have still to be determined).

You can also [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:** 48\* \*this is the amount of time the average learner is expected to spend in supervised learning and practice, but may vary by learner

**Total Qualification Time:** 124\* \*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:** 601/8526/0

**CIWM Code:** MROC10a (OCS20 Non-Hazardous) and MROC10b (OCS60 Biological)

**Assessment:** Portfolio of evidence

**Specimen Assessment Materials:** None available for this qualification.

**Languages:** Qualification materials are available from CIWM in English

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

## Qualification Structure

### Mandatory Units

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

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
A/508/0756	Maintain health and safety in the waste and resource management industry	4	OCS01
F/508/0757	Manage the environmental impact of work activities	4	OCS02
J/508/0887	Manage the reception of non-hazardous waste	3	OCS12
F/508/0760	Manage the movement, sorting and storage of waste	4	OCS05
R/508/0861	Control work activities on a waste management facility	4	OCS06

### Optional Units

Learners can then choose **one** of the following optional units:

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
K/508/0980	Manage transfer and disposal from non-hazardous waste treatment and recovery operations	4	OCS20
J/508/0985	Manage transfer and disposal from biological treatment operations	4	OCS60

### Hierarchy

The following qualifications are applicable to this activity:

#### Current:

- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 Medium Risk Operator Competence for Non-Hazardous Sludge and Land Spreading (601/8526/0)

#### Previous:

- 4MTMPL6 Level 4 Units: WM1b, WM2, HSS3, MSCE9, WM12 and WM7c (applicable to Mobile plant for land spreading - land treatment resulting in benefit)

- 4MTMPLS6 Level 4 Units: WM1b, WM2, HSS3, MSCE9, WM12 and WM21 (applicable to Mobile plant for land spreading of sewage sludge - land treatment resulting in benefit)
- 4MTMNHS6 Level 4 Units: WM1b, WM2, HSS3, MSCE9, WM12 and WM21 (applicable to non-hazardous sludge – biological, chemical, and physical treatment)