

# Operator Competence Scheme

## CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Transfer of Hazardous Waste

### 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:

- Hazardous waste transfer (not covered below)
- Hazardous clinical waste transfer

### Who is it for?

- Technically competent managers (TCM)
- Consultants
- Site managers and supervisors
- Standard Rules: SR2008No5, SR2008No6, SR2008No9, SR2015No8, SR2015No9 and SR2008No24 (Wales only)
- Standard Rules: SR2008No9, SR2015No9, SR2008No24, SR2022 No4 with asbestos storage and SR2022No5 with asbestos storage (England only)

### How is this qualification delivered?

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

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification, learners will need to complete the **twelve** mandatory units. These units cover topics like:

- Health and safety in the waste and resource management industry
- Managing the environmental impact of work activities
- Managing the movement, sorting and storage of waste
- Improving waste management operations

- Controlling maintenance and other engineering operations
- Procedural compliance
- Responding to emergencies
- Managing the reception of hazardous waste
- Managing an inspection visit at your site from regulatory bodies
- Managing transfer and disposal from hazardous waste transfer and recovery operations
- Managing transfer and disposal from hazardous clinical waste transfer and recovery operations

## 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 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Transfer of Hazardous Waste 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:** 83\* \*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:** 241\* \*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:** 601/8504/1

**CIWM Code:** HROC4a (OCS22 Hazardous Waste) and HROC4b (OCS23 Hazardous Clinical Waste)

**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/508/0758	Organise the transportation of loads on a waste management facility	4	OCS03
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
K/508/0882	Identify and implement improvements to waste management operations	4	OCS07
M/508/0883	Control maintenance and other engineering operations	4	OCS08
T/508/0884	Procedural compliance	4	OCS09
A/508/0885	Manage and maintain systems for responding to emergencies	4	OCS10
F/508/0886	Manage the reception of hazardous waste	4	OCS11
Y/508/0974	Manage an inspection visit at your site from regulatory bodies	4	OCS65

### Optional Units

The learner must complete **one** of the units from the following group:

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
F/508/0984	Manage transfer and disposal from hazardous waste transfer and recovery operations	5	OCS22
L/508/0986	Manage transfer and disposal from hazardous clinical waste transfer and recovery operations	5	OCS23

## Hierarchy

The following qualifications are applicable to this activity:

### Current:

- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Transfer of Hazardous Waste (HROC4a)
- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Transfer of Hazardous Waste (HROC4b – clinical pathway)

### Current for SR2022No4 only:

- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 Medium Risk Operator Competence for Non-hazardous waste treatment and transfer (MROC1)

AND

- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Transfer of Hazardous Waste (HROC4a)

### Previous:

- Level 4 Diploma in Waste Management Operations: Managing Transfer, Hazardous Waste (4MTSH)
- Level 4 Diploma in Waste Management Operations: Managing Transfer – Hazardous Clinical Waste (4MTSHC)
- Waste Management Operations – Managing Transfer Hazardous Waste (Level 4) 4TSH
- Waste Management Operations – Managing Transfer Hazardous Waste (Clinical) (Level 4) 4TSHC
- Managing Transfer Operations: Clinical or Special Waste (Level 4) TSS4
- Managing Transfer Operations: Special Waste (Level IV) T4-B

**Please note:** the treatment qualifications listed in the entry below also demonstrate technical competence for transfer activities.

### Current:

- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Thermal Treatment of Hazardous Waste (HROC5a)
- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Thermal Treatment of Hazardous Waste (HROC5b – clinical pathway)
- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Physical and Chemical Treatment of Hazardous Waste (HROC6)

### Previous (Treatment):

- Level 4 Diploma in Waste Management Operations: Managing Physical and Chemical Treatment, Hazardous Waste (4MPTH)
- Waste Management Operations – Managing Treatment Hazardous Waste (Level 4) 4TMH

- Managing Treatment Operations: Clinical or Special Waste (Level 4) TMS4
- Managing Treatment Operations: Special Waste (Level IV) T4-A

**Previous (clinical waste):**

- Level 4 Diploma in Waste Management Operations: Thermal Treatment – Hazardous Clinical Waste (4MTTHC)
- Level 4 in Waste Management Operations – Managing Treatment Hazardous Waste (Level 4) 4TMH
- Managing Treatment Operations: Clinical or Special Waste (Level 4) TMS4
- Managing Treatment Operations: Special Waste (Level IV) T4-A

**Previous (recovery of oil/solvents):**

- Level 4 Diploma in Waste Management Operations: Managing Thermal Treatment, Hazardous Waste (4MTTH)
- Waste Management Operations – Managing Incineration (Level 4) 4INC
- Managing Incinerator Operations: Special Waste (Level 4) INC4
- Managing Incinerator Operations: Special Waste (Level IV) T4-C