

Waste Qualifications

CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 2 Certificate for Waste and Resource Management Operative

About this qualification

This qualification provides an excellent opportunity for individuals to begin their career in the waste and resource management sector or to gain formal recognition for existing knowledge and experience. It serves as a foundation for demonstrating competence at an operative level within this essential sector.

Delivered through a structured, classroom-based 'taught and tested' approach, the programme offers guided learning and formal assessment, ensuring participants develop confidence in their skills and understanding.

Upon completion, learners will possess a comprehensive understanding of industry practices, environmental responsibilities, sustainability principles and effective workplace communication - equipping them to perform successfully and progress.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Long-term unemployed who wish to retrain
- Apprentices
- Graduates
- Team leaders
- Experienced workers (e.g. senior operatives) that want evidence of their skills

How is this qualification delivered?

This qualification can be delivered face to face or virtually in a classroom environment and assessed by multiple choice question paper.

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification, learners must complete two modules, with six mandatory units in total. These units are designed to:

- Provide an introduction to the waste and resource management industry.
- Develop an understanding of environmental protection issues facing the industry.
- Develop knowledge of health and safety.
- Develop the knowledge to work productively in the workplace.
- Introduce legislative requirements.
- Improve communication skills.
- Introduce the concepts of sustainability and the circular economy.

What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking the CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 2 Certificate for Waste and Resource Management Operatives 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 people seeking entry to the waste and resource management sector, or those who are already working and 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 – these job roles include:

- Waste/ recycling operative
- Transfer station operative
- Compost operative
- Household waste recycling operative
- Manual/mechanical street cleaner
- Waste/ recycling collection driver

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 3 Certificate in Principles of Sustainable Resource Management
- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 3 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities (supervisory)
- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 3 Diploma for Waste Supervisor

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: 70* *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: 150* *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: 603/5103/2

CIWM Code: WRO2

Assessment: Multiple Choice Question Papers

Specimen Assessment Materials: There is a practice MCQ paper available for this qualification.

Languages: Qualification materials are available from CIWM in English

Available in the following countries: England and Wales

Qualification Structure

To achieve this qualification, learners must complete 6 mandatory units across the two modules outlined below.

Module One Units

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
T/617/7836	Waste and Resource Management Industry Awareness	2	KE1
K/617/7851	Principles of Health and Safety in the Waste and Resource Management Industry	2	KE3

Module Two Units

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
A/617/7837	Principles of Environmental Protection in the Waste and Resource Management Industry	2	KE2
M/617/7835	Principles of Sustainability and the Circular Economy	2	KE6
D/617/7846	Organisational Policies in the Waste and Resource Management Industry	2	KE4
K/617/7834	Principles of Communication in the Workplace	2	KE5