



Waste Qualifications

CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 1 Award in Reuse and Refurbishment

About this qualification

This qualification is designed to help learners develop the essential knowledge and understanding of reuse and refurbishment, highlighting their critical role in promoting sustainability and reducing waste in today's society. It is particularly suitable for individuals seeking to enhance their employment prospects by gaining practical insight into how materials and products can be repurposed, refurbished and kept in circulation rather than discarded.

By completing this qualification, learners will gain a strong foundation to enter the workforce with confidence, equipped to support sustainable practices and contribute to a more circular economy, while maintaining safe and effective working standards in the resource and waste management sector.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the resource and waste management sector looking to start their career.
- Pre- and post-release prisoners seeking skills and qualifications to support reintegration and employment opportunities.
- Long-term unemployed individuals who wish to retrain or develop new career pathways.
- Experienced workers aiming to formalise their knowledge with a recognised qualification.
- Staff and volunteers in charities or reuse organisations who want to enhance their skills and sector understanding.
- Professionals in the wider supply chain of waste-producing organisations seeking to apply sustainable practices and improve operational knowledge.

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 achieve the mandatory unit Introduction to Reuse and Refurbishment. This unit is designed to ensure that individuals will:

- Understand the core principles of sustainability, including components of a sustainable lifestyle, sustainable working practices, waste hierarchy and definition of terms.
- Know the materials arising within the reuse and refurbishment sector, including types of waste/materials and regulations.
- Know how to identify items for reuse and refurbishment, including criteria for items suitable for reuse/refurbishment, testing and refusing items.
- Know how to work safely, including safety information, hazards, working practices, lone and team working, manual handling and hazardous/non-hazardous materials.

What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking this qualification do not require any other qualifications or levels of attainment to take this qualification.

What job role could this qualification lead to or support?

Learners who achieve this qualification will be well-prepared to progress into employment within in roles focused on reuse, refurbishment and recycling activities, including but not limited to:

- **Reuse/Refurbishment Operative:** working directly with items to prepare them for reuse or refurbishment.
- **Household Waste Recycling Operative:** handling, sorting and processing materials collected from households for reuse or recycling.
- **Materials Recovery Operative:** sorting and processing materials in recycling or refurbishment centres.
- **Refurbishment Technician/Assistant:** working on repairing or restoring items to a reusable condition.
- **Charity Shop/Donation Centre Staff:** assessing, processing and preparing donated items for sale or redistribution.
- **Logistics or Operations Assistant in Recycling/Reuse Organisations:** handling the transport, storage and management of materials and products.

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: 33* *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: 43* *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: 601/7495/X

CIWM Code: RR1



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, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

Qualification Structure

Mandatory Units

Candidates must achieve the mandatory unit.

Mandatory Unit Group

Ofqual Code	Title	Level	CIWM Unit Code
D/507/7476	Introduction to reuse and refurbishment	1	RR1