

# Operator Competence Scheme

## CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Physical and Chemical Treatment 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 Regulations (England and Wales) 2007
- 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 treatment (not covered below)
- Recovery of Hazardous Waste
- Recovery of oil / organic solvents
- Hazardous Waste Disposal (not incineration or Landfill)

### Who is it for?

- Technically competent managers (TCM)
- Consultants
- Site managers and supervisors
- Standard Rules: SR2008No7, SR2008No8, SR2015No10 and SR2015No11 (England and Wales)

### 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 transfer and disposal from hazardous waste treatment and recovery operations

- Managing site operations for the treatment of hazardous waste
- Managing an inspection visit at your site from regulatory bodies

## 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 Physical and Chemical Treatment 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 to 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

**Total Qualification Time:** 204\* \*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:** 601/8502/8

**CIWM Code:** HROC6

**Assessment:** Portfolio of evidence

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

## Qualification Structure

### Mandatory Units

The learner must choose all the units from the following group:

| 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          |
| 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          |
| M/508/0978  | Manage transfer and disposal from hazardous waste treatment and recovery operations | 4     | OCS19          |
| H/508/0993  | Manage site operations for the treatment of hazardous waste                         | 4     | OCS27          |
| Y/508/0974  | Manage an inspection visit at your site from regulatory bodies                      | 4     | OCS65          |

## Hierarchy

The following qualifications are applicable to this activity:

### Current (Hazardous Waste Pathway):

- CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 High Risk Operator Competence for Managing Physical and Chemical Treatment of Hazardous Waste (HROC6)

### Previous:

- 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