



WAMITAB Level 1 Diploma for General Recycling Operative

About this qualification

This qualification supports learners to develop the basic skills and knowledge required for employment and career progression within the recycling industry. This qualification is designed to confirm competence in occupational roles across the sector and will ensure that learners have the industry specific experience employers' demand.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Long-term unemployed who wish to retrain
- Apprentices
- Experienced workers that want evidence of their skills

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve a minimum of 38 credits. The mandatory units are designed to ensure that learners are competent to:

- Work safely in the recycling industry
- Maintain effective working relationships
- Maintain standards of service during recycling activities
- Facilitate environmental protection
- Undertake manual handling, lifting and moving loads

The learner will then be able to select five units relevant to activities they undertake in their current job role, such as:

- Collect recyclables and other materials
- Loading a waste transport vehicle
- Sorting and preparing recyclables
- Processing recyclables and other materials (preparing, operating and maintaining equipment)
- Dispatching recyclables
- Communication and promoting recycling
- Clean and maintain facilities as well as equipment
- Operate and shut down processing plant



What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking the WAMITAB Level 1 Diploma for General Recycling Operatives do not require any other qualifications or levels of attainment in order to take this qualification. 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?

The WAMITAB Level 1 Diploma for General Recycling Operatives is a flexible qualification designed to confirm occupational competence for specific job roles in the industry or within a particular organisation – these job roles include:

- Transfer station operative
- Recycling operative
- Recyclables collection drivers
- Recycling collection loaders

People already working in relevant roles could be employed by local authorities, waste management companies or third sector (not for profit) organisations. This qualification will support the sector to overcome significant skills gaps, as nearly one in five members of the workforce (18%) has no qualifications (UKCES, 2012).

What are the opportunities for progression to further learning?

Learners that are interested in advancing their careers through further education can go on to study several qualifications at a higher level, including:

- Level 2 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities
- Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Sustainable Resource Management
- Level 3 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities (supervisory)
- Level 4 Diploma for Management of Sustainable Recycling Activities

Learners may also decide to undertake an Apprenticeship in Sustainable Resource Management, following their achievement of this qualification.

General Information

Guided Learning Hours: 370* 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: TBC*

Credits: 38

Ofqual Number: 600/0032/6

WAMITAB Code: GRO1

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

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

Qualification Structure

To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve a minimum of 38 credits by completing all Mandatory Units (24 credits), then complete five units from the Option Units group.

Mandatory Units

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Working Safely in the Recycling Industry	1	7	RA1.1
Maintain Effective Working Relationships in the Recycling Industry	1	7	RA1.2
Maintain Standards of Service during Recycling Activities	1	5	RA1.3
Environmental Protection Within the Recycling Industry	1	3	RA1.4
Manual handling, lifting and moving of loads in a waste environment	1	2	WO38

Option Units

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Collect recyclables and other materials	1	5	RA1.5
Assist in the Safe Operation of Work Vehicles during Recycling Operations	1	3	RA1.8
Loading a waste transport vehicle	2	2	WO5
Communicate with the public and others on recycling activities	2	3	RA2.6
Dispatch recyclables and other materials	1	5	RA1.7
Comply with Procedure to Maintain Security of Facilities, Equipment and Materials within the Recycling Industry	1	4	RA1.10
Sort and Prepare Recyclables and Other Materials for Processing	1	8	RA1.11
Encourage recycling services through promotion	2	2	RA2.7
Select and use containers for recyclables and other materials	3	6	RA2.12
Operate equipment for processing of recyclables and other materials	2	8	RA1.6
Clean and maintain facilities and equipment for the processing of recyclables and other materials	2	3	RA1.9
Prepare plant and equipment for processing recyclables and other materials	1	3	RA1.13
Assist in the maintenance of plant and equipment for processing recyclables and other materials	1	5	RA1.12
Operate and shut down processing plant	2	7	RA1.14