



WAMITAB Level 2 Certificate in Front Line Environmental Services

About this qualification

The WAMITAB Level 2 Certificate in Front Line Environmental Services covers the skills required by operative level employees working within the environmental services sector, with a particular focus on waste management, street cleansing and recycling roles.

This qualification is designed to confirm competence in occupational roles within the sector and forms part of the Sustainable Resource Management Apprenticeship.

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 complete five mandatory units designed to ensure they have developed the manual handling skills, team working skills and knowledge of health and safety to contribute to the maintenance and preservation of the environment.

Learners are then expected to undertake five optional units that will tailor the qualification to their specific job role. These optional units cover a range of topics including:

- Collecting, handling and transporting waste or recyclables
- Loading different types of waste into transport vehicles
- Inspecting, validating and storing waste
- Sorting, preparing and processing recyclables
- Manual and mechanical street cleansing
- Clearing snow and treating highways for ice
- Health, safety and controlling risk

A maximum of two option units may be taken at Level 1.





What are the entry requirements of this qualification?

This qualification is open entry. This means that learners interested in undertaking the WAMITAB Level 2 Certificate in Front Line Environmental Services 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?

This qualification is ideal for people seeking entry to the environmental services 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 operative
- Recycling operative
- Street cleaning operative
- Winter gritter/maintenance drivers

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 onto study several qualifications at a higher level, including:

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

General Information

Guided Learning Hours: 57* *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: 132*

Credits: 31

Ofqual Number: 600/0025/9

WAMITAB Code: FLES2

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

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



To achieve this qualification, learners must complete five mandatory units and five option units. A maximum of two option units may be taken at Level 1. Barred unit combinations must be adhered to.

Mandatory Group A

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Manual handling, lifting and moving of loads in a waste environment	1	2	WO38
Work safely at heights in a waste sector environment	1	5	WO42
Ensure responsibility for actions to reduce risks to health and safety	3	4	HSS1W
Contribute to the sustainability, maintenance and preservation of the environment	2	2	WO29
Work with others to improve customer service	3	8	ICSD8

Optional Group B

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Transportation of waste	1	3	WO9
Mechanically handle waste	1	3	WO28
Control vehicle movement on site	1	2	WO31
Manual collection of waste	1	3	WO4
Working with other people	1	2	WO2
Maintain the security of waste management facilities	1	7	WO13
Mechanically handle recyclable materials	1	2	WO43
Control the reception of recyclable materials	1	2	WO45
Collect recyclable materials	1	4	WO30



Optional Group C

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Perform street cleansing manually	2	3	WO49
Perform street cleansing mechanically	2	4	WO50
Clean and maintain external surfaces and areas	2	4	WO51
Loading a waste transport vehicle	2	2	WO5
Loading a Hazardous Waste Transport Vehicle	2	4	WO5a
Loading a Non-Hazardous Waste Transport Vehicle	2	3	WO5b
Loading an Inert Waste Transport Vehicle	2	3	WO5c
Store waste and operating materials within a waste management facility	3	7	WO18
Validation of waste	2	5	WO10
Inspection of vehicles used in waste management facilities	2	2	WO15
Manually clear snow and treat highways and land for ice	2	2	WO12
Comply with emergency procedures on waste management activities	2	3	WO3
Maintain a healthy and safe working environment for waste management activities	2	6	WO1
Control the risk from vehicle and plant movements on waste management facilities	2	9	WO7
Workplace Hazard Awareness & Control	2	4	WO34
Maintain effective working relationships during recycling operations	3	5	WO32
Control the handover of recyclable materials	3	3	WO44
Sort and prepare recyclable materials for processing	2	5	WO46
Operate plant for the processing of recyclable materials	2	5	WO47
Use and maintain ride-on powered equipment	2	3	L27.3
Use and maintain non-powered and hand held powered tools and equipment	2	3	L27.1
Use and maintain pedestrian controlled powered equipment	2	3	L27.2

Barred Units

If learners choose a unit in the left hand column you cannot choose a corresponding unit in the right hand column of the below table.

Source Unit

Loading a waste transport vehicle (Y/602/1076)

Loading a hazardous waste transport vehicle (R/602/1075)

Loading a non-hazardous waste transport vehicle (L/602/1074)

Mechanically handle recyclable materials (H/602/1260)

Manual collection of waste (K/602/1261)

Target Unit

Loading hazardous waste transport vehicle (R/602/1075)

Loading non-hazardous waste transport vehicle (J/602/1074)

Loading an inert waste transport vehicle (I/602/1073)

Loading a non-hazardous waste transport vehicle (J/602/1074)

Loading an Inert waste transport vehicle (I/602/1073)

Loading an inert waste transport vehicle (J/602/1073)

Mechanically handle waste (D/602/1385)

Collect recyclable materials (K/602/1387)