

WAMITAB Level 2 Certificate for Sustainable Waste Management Operative (Waste Collection)

About this qualification

This qualification is ideal for new entrants to the industry or experienced workers that want recognition that they possess the competence required to work as waste or recyclables collection operatives or loaders within the waste and resource management industry.

This certificate is also suitable for apprentices as it forms part of the Sustainable Resource Management Apprenticeship.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Apprentices
- Experienced workers that want evidence of their skills

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve this QCF qualification, learners must complete 10 units in total to achieve a minimum of 33 credits. Learners must complete all mandatory units which are designed to improve team working skills, develop knowledge of health, safety and emergency procedures, and develop the skills to work productively and effectively collect waste.

Learners must then choose any three units from the Optional Unit groups to gain a further 6 credits. These optional units ensure that learners have the knowledge and skills to accept, validate, handle and unload different types of waste.

Learners who choose a unit from Optional Group B must ensure that they comply with the restrictions (Learners may complete a maximum of one unit from Option Units Group B – please note that learners do not have to choose a unit from this group) set for this group.

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 for Sustainable Waste Management Operatives (Waste Collection) does 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 collection operative
- Recyclables collection operative
- Transfer station operative
- Refuse collection loader

Employers within the sector include 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 people employed in the waste and resource management workforce (18%) currently 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

Qualification Structure

To achieve this qualification, learners must complete 10 units in total to achieve a minimum of 33 credits. Learners must complete all Mandatory Units. Learners must then choose any three units from the Optional Unit groups to gain a further 6 credits. Learners who choose a unit from Optional Group B must ensure that they comply with the restrictions* set for this group.

Mandatory Units

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Work with others to improve customer service	3	8	ICSD8
Conforming to productive working practices in the workplace	2	3	CS642
Maintain a healthy and safe working environment for waste management activities	2	6	WO1
Working with other people	1	2	WO2
Contribute to the sustainability, maintenance and preservation of the environment	2	2	WO29
Comply with emergency procedures on waste management activities	2	3	WO3
Manual collection of waste	1	3	WO4

Option Units (Group B)

*Learners may complete a maximum of one unit from this group. Learners DO NOT have to choose a unit from this group.

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Unloading a hazardous waste transport vehicle	2	7	WO6a
Unloading a non-hazardous waste transport vehicle	2	3	WO6b
Unloading an inert waste transport vehicle	2	3	WO6c

Option Units (Group C)

Title	Level	Credits	WAMITAB Unit Code
Manage own professional development within an organisation	3	4	MSCA2
Validation of waste	2	5	WO10
Acceptance of waste	2	7	WO11
Support safety around waste collection vehicles	1	2	WO14
General duties on waste facilities	1	4	WO16
Mechanically handle waste	1	3	WO28
Control the risk from vehicle and plant movements on waste management facilities	2	9	WO7
Manual handling, lifting and moving of loads in a waste environment	1	2	WO38
Operate equipment to install, remove and replace containers for waste	1	2	WO8

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