



Continuing Competence Scheme

Who does it apply to?

There is a requirement for a 2 yearly test to be completed in order to keep your technical competence active.

This may apply to you if you fit into one of the following groups:

- Existing holders of a CoTC (Certificate of Technical Competence) who achieved their CoTC before 22 December 2008
- Existing holders of CIWM/WAMITAB's new competence qualifications who achieved after 22nd December 2008 (12,6 and 4 unit qualifications, VRQ and EPOC)
- 'Deemed' competent operators (as previously determined by the Environment Agency (EA))
- Operators of some exempt activities, who registered as a relevant exemption prior to 5 April 2010

With effect from 1 March 2014 there will be a few changes, with the certificates issued after that date being "date stamped" with an expiry date, which will be the second anniversary of achievement.

From November 2013 those obtaining their certificates will see a change in the way the renewal timescale is specified. The new style certificates will clearly show a specific date by which a new certificate must be obtained. In order that no candidate is disadvantaged during the transition period, anyone completing the test in the period up to 28 February 2014 will receive a certificate with an expiry date of 29 February 2016.

If you receive your primary WAMITAB certificate within the current period (from 1 March 2012 and 28 February 2014) you will have to complete the test within 2 years from the date of issue of that certificate i.e. if it was dated 16 June 2013, then the test will need to be taken by 15 June 2015.



What is it?

It is a computer based test completed at a number of locations around the Country.

The test is made up of 26 questions. 18 of these are generic, whilst 8 are based on the qualification or site (depending on whether you were originally exempt or deemed competent) (e.g. landfill hazardous, transfer non-hazardous, End of Life Vehicle (ELV) etc).

How does it work?

- The test is booked through the WAMITAB website.
- The test is taken at PearsonVue Centres around the country.
- The test currently costs £120.
- More details on the test can be found at www.wamitab.org.uk

What is the Refresher course?

- It is a refresher workshop designed to prepare you for the test.
- It will explain the requirements, how to book a test and what to expect when you turn up.
- It will include exercises and mock questions and you will receive a comprehensive revision pack.
- It is run over one day, with lunch and refreshments provided. The standard start time is 9.30 with a finish at around 15.30 (depending upon discussions).

How much does it cost?

- £165 (plus VAT) to include the revision notes.



Course Outline and Programme

- The course will cover a number of practical and technical issues in relation to the test.

Programme (timings have not been included as these will vary from group to group)

1. Introductions
2. Outline of the Continuing Competence Scheme
 - a. What does it mean?
 - b. What is the test?
 - c. How do I book a test?
 - d. How much does it cost?
3. Test syllabus – Legislation, Environmental Protection, Health & Safety
4. Environmental Permitting Regulations
5. Duty of Care
6. Waste Carriers
7. Hazardous waste
8. WEEE
9. Landfill Directive
10. WAC and Pretreatment requirements
11. Accident Management Plans
12. Emissions and problems on sites
13. Site management
14. Health and safety
15. Mock tests
16. Questions and discussion

For Information on Available dates, please contact the Centre.