

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

How do you know when your test needs to be completed?

Operator Competence Certificates (OCCs) are now “date stamped” with a date of issue and you are required to successfully complete your ‘test’ within two years of this date.

In addition, Continuing Competence certificates are also “date stamped”, showing the two-year expiry date by which you need to have successfully completed your ‘test’.

When you sit the test, the new two-year expiry date will start from the date on the test certificate. Therefore, it will probably be a different date each time.

CIWM (WAMITAB) have indicated that they will be advising certificate holders as their expiry date approaches, however, this is reliant on them having your up to date records. Therefore, we would suggest that you keep your own record of when your date is due and then you can make the necessary test arrangements well in advance.

What is it?

It is a computer-based test completed at several locations around the Country. The test is made up of 30 questions. 18 of these are generic, whilst 12 are based on the original qualification and/or the site you are covering (e.g. landfill hazardous, transfer non-hazardous, End of Life Vehicle (ELV) etc).

How does it work?

- The test is booked through the CIWM (WAMITAB) website.
- The test is taken at PearsonVue Centres around the country.
- The test costs £174 (from Jan 2023)
- More details on the test can be found at:

<https://ciwmquals.co.uk/competence/continuing-competence/>

What is the Online Refresher course?

- The Online course is different to our taught Refresher course as although the presentation material is the same, covering the generic topics of the test, there is no tutor commentary to go along with it. However, you are able to work through the material as many times as you want during your access period, reinforcing your own learning and knowledge at a time and pace to suit you.
- All the material is accessed via our Envirolearn training website and you will receive a personal invite to create a login.
- The Envirolearn website contains extensive learning and revision material, as well as access to hundreds of multiple choice mock questions and answers. These can be completed as many times as you want during your access period, so you can test, confirm and improve on your knowledge across the generic subject areas and your activity specific topic.

How much does it cost (as at April 2023)?

- £148.50 (plus VAT) to include access to the Envirolearn website materials.

