



## Continuing Competence Test

### **QSP are the only WAMITAB approved centre offering a Half Day Refresher Course and the WAMITAB Competency Test all on the Same Day!**

The test you will be required to take will depend on what competence you wish to achieve and/or maintain. Guidance can be obtained from your local Environment Agency officer or from the WAMITAB web site. However, it is essential that you know which test/options to take before travelling to the test centre.

To book your test at our facilities you will need to use the online booking system which can be found at [www.pearsonvue.com/wamitab](http://www.pearsonvue.com/wamitab). You will need a valid credit or debit card and will select the location, date and time of your test through the system.

Below are some frequently asked questions with regards to maintaining competency:

#### **When do I need to do the Continuing Competence Test?**

If this is the first time you are taking the Continuing Competency test it will need to be taken 2 years to the date you achieved your WAMITAB Level 4 certificate, this is the date as shown on your certificate (*e.g. WAMITAB certificate is dated 06<sup>th</sup> October 2016 you will need to take your first test by 06<sup>th</sup> October 2018*)

If you are maintaining competency an expiry date will be shown on the Continuing Competency Certificate issued by WAMITAB. You are responsible for keeping your certificate up to date in line with your certificate expiry date.

All individuals will have to register with the CIWM/WAMITAB Waste Operator Competence Scheme and will have access to the syllabi for the assessments or can attend a Continuing Competence Refresher workshop. Successful candidates will receive a 'Continuing Competence' certificate from CIWM/WAMITAB.

#### **Where can I take my test for Continuing Competence and what is the cost?**

The test will be on-line and carried out at an approved Pearson Vue Testing Centre such as QSP. The test will be booked and paid for on-line via Pearson Vue site as shown above or booked via QSP.

The test fee of £139 will cover the generic element and up to 3 technical certificates held.

#### **What does the test include?**

The format for the tests is based on question and multiple choice answers. The questions cover two components; a Generic Knowledge Test comprising questions on Legislation, Health and Safety and Environmental Protection; and an Activity-Specific which comprises questions on the specific competence or competencies which need to be maintained. If you hold more than one competence award and want to maintain all your competencies then you will have to choose an 'activity specific option' for each competence. Tests last no longer than 1 hour.



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### How many questions are there?

The test comprises 18 questions for the generic part (legislation, health & safety and environment protection) and a further 8 questions for the activity specific elements/options, depending on how many you choose. The 'test time' allowed will be 25 minutes for the generic section and 11 minutes for each option. Experience has shown that this is sufficient time to complete the various sections/questions. A maximum of 3 options can be taken in any one test.

### What test should I take?

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### What is the pass mark?

Candidates will need to correctly answer 50% (9 questions) or more of the questions in the Generic Knowledge Test section and 50% (4 questions) or more of the questions in each option(s) chosen and achieve an overall pass mark of 65% (minimum 17 questions in total)

### Do I need to be able to use computers?

Yes. You need to be able to use a mouse. There is a short practice session to get used to the system before starting your test. No paper tests can be taken.

### How long does it take to get my result?

You will be notified by WAMITAB within 10 working days of the test being taken.

### If I fail do I get feedback on what I got wrong?

At the end of the test you will receive your score report which provides the scores for each component of the generic and the score for each option(s) taken. If you are unsuccessful this should enable you to focus your learning for the subsequent test. As the questions are chosen at random we will be unable to provide information on the specific questions that you did not answer correctly.

