

CIWM/WAMITAB OPERATOR COMPETENCE SCHEME

CONTINUING COMPETENCE

SAMPLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Every two years candidates will have to demonstrate their continuing competence by successfully completing a test which covers compliance with relevant waste controls and policy. The first two-year period started on 1 March 2009.

The format for the test is based on a question and multiple choice answers (i.e. one right answer and three wrong answers) and the questions cover two aspects; a generic knowledge section, which is common to all competences, comprising legislation, health and safety and environmental protection and an 'activity-specific' section, for example, for landfill, treatment and/or transfer activities. If the person holds more than one competence award and wants to maintain all their competencies then they will have to choose multiple 'activity specific options'.

Candidates should ensure they have undertaken activities to obtain the necessary knowledge, skills etc before taking the appropriate test. This could include, for example, an organisation's own in-house training or coaching programme, third party training courses or self learning e.g. via the internet. Failure to do so will incur additional costs for re-testing.

Sample questions from the generic knowledge section and activity specific option (End-of-Life Vehicles) are shown below to assist employers, candidates (and Centres) in preparing for the test(s).

GENERIC KNOWLEDGE

Legislation

- Q. A customer brings a load to your facility with a transfer note containing the following information: EWC code; waste description; quantity; name of carrier; name and address of facility; transferor's signature - what is missing?**
- A1 Carrier registration number only.
- A2 Environmental Permit number only.
- A3 Registration of vehicle, carrier registration number.
- A4 Carrier Registration number and Environmental Permit number.

Health and Safety

Q Why does compliance to H&S Legislation and Procedures need to be monitored?

A1 To ensure that operations are being carried out safely and in compliance to legal requirements to correct unsafe behaviour and to prevent complacency with subsequent deterioration in compliance.

A2 To ensure protection against prosecution.

A3 So that the workforce will be reassured that their safety is being protected

A4 To ensure that working practices are following best practice

Environmental Protection

Q. What is the difference between an area of "hard standing" and an "impermeable pavement"?

A1 There is no difference it is just different terminology.

A2 A hard standing will allow liquids to drain through whereas an impermeable pavement will not.

A3 An impermeable pavement always constructed using tarmac whereas a hard standing is only crushed bricks.

A3 An area of hard standing is bunded an impermeable pavement is not.

ACTIVITY SPECIFIC OPTIONS

End-of-Life Vehicles

Q. When completing a Certificate of Destruction what information do you need about the holder or owner of the vehicle?

A1 Name, signature

A2 Name, address, signature

A3 Name, nationality,

A4 Name, address, nationality and signature.

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