

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 1 Award in Skills for Waste and Recycling (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to develop the skills and knowledge required for employment and career progression within the waste recycling industry. This qualification is for you if you want an introduction to both theoretical and practical activities related to the waste and recycle industries. It is designed to provide you with an understanding across areas within this sector, and will support you to develop a strong foundation that will enable progression to higher level learning and/or employment.

Who is it for?

- New entrants to the industry
- Long-term unemployed who wish to retrain
- Experienced workers looking to seek a formal qualification

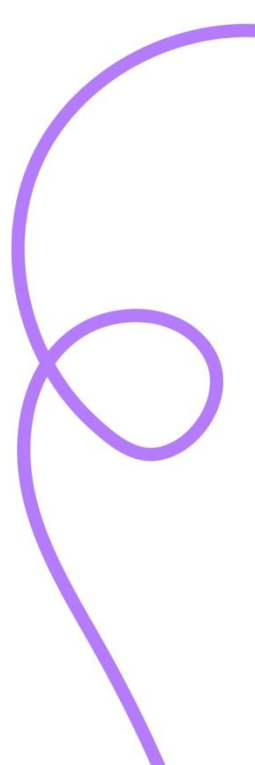
What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award you will be required to achieve 7 mandatory credits, committing to approximately 70 hours with an estimated guided learning time of 59 hours.

Mandatory units are designed to give you an introduction to waste and recycling and the practical skills and knowledge to work safely in the waste and recycling industry.

What are the entry requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required. You may need access to a working environment as some units are 'on the job'.



What are the assessment methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. There may be elements within the qualification that will need to be completed in a practical setting.

What are the progression opportunities?

The qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise and develop your skills and establish personal, learning and employment goals.

The achievement of the qualification will prepare you for progression to the next level of vocational learning. Examples of this include:

- Level 2 Certificate for Sustainable Waste Management Operative
- Level 2 Certificate in Plant Operations (Waste/Recycling).

Alternatively, you may choose to seek employment, for example:

- Recycling Operative

As a recycling operative you could work as part of the collection team or as part of the team sorting recyclable items at the waste recycling plant. You may sometimes work on both teams. Your job could include:

- Emptying recycling boxes and wheelie bins into the collection vehicle putting boxes and bins back and making sure that you have left no litter behind
- Using lifting machinery to help you lift and sort waste on collections and at the recycling site
- Checking that the right kind of materials have been put out for recycling
- Working on the conveyor belt at waste plant
- Sorting waste and removing non-recyclable items inspecting materials for any contamination
- In some jobs your duties could also include driving the waste collection vehicle

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification was developed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers including Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority, Novus and HMP Forest Bank.

