

Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities (QCF)**Qualification Number: 600/1718/1****What is the purpose of this qualification?**

Learners who achieve this qualification will be able to demonstrate the skills, competence and knowledge required to undertake recycling activities in accordance with employment requirements.

This qualification:

- Is nationally recognised
- Is based on the Recycling Management/Recycling Operations National Occupational Standards (NOS). The NOS, assessment strategy and qualification structure(s) are owned by Energy and Utility Skills (EU Skills).

The Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities (QCF) has been approved as a component for the Intermediate Level Apprenticeship in Sustainable Resource Management.

What does this qualification cover?

Learners must complete the required mandatory units, plus chosen optional units from specific pathways for their job roles. A total of 37 credits (minimum) are required with 296 guided learning hours as a minimum.

Specific pathways within the qualification for learners to choose from are:

- Reuse
- Waste electronic and electrical equipment
- General
- Collection
- Reception and segregation
- Processing

Mandatory units contain subject such as:

- Promote sustainability and environmental good practice in the recycling industry
- Develop relationships with colleagues and others
- Comply with health and safety processes and procedures in the workplace
- Encourage recycling services through promotion
- Develop personal performance
- Control the reception of recyclables and other materials
- Collect recyclables and other materials
- Operate specialist plant and equipment for the processing of recyclables and other materials
- Sort and prepare recyclables and other materials

Optional units contain subjects such as:

- Use mechanical handling equipment in the recycling industry
- Operate a vehicle safely and efficiently during recycling activities
- Communicate with the public and others on recycling activities
- Sort goods and materials for recycling or disposal in logistics operations
- Control vehicle movements on recycling site
- Manual handling, lifting and moving of loads in a waste environment
- Receive goods and materials into storage in a retail environment
- Cash up in a retail environment

The wide range of optional units available will allow learners to cover job/role specific pathways

How is the qualification assessed?

The overall grade for the qualification is a 'pass'. The learner must achieve all the required units within the specified qualification structure via a portfolio of evidence.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards.

For adult learners, this qualification can extend knowledge and understanding of work in a particular part of the sustainable resource management workforce sector. It is suitable for those wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment following a career break.

Although this qualification is part of the Intermediate Apprenticeships in Sustainable Resource Management, some learners may need or wish to take the qualification on its own, for example, learners who work on a part-time or voluntary basis and would not be eligible for Apprenticeship funding.

What are the potential job roles for those working towards this qualification?

- manual/mechanical street cleaner
- recyclables/waste collection driver
- refuse/recyclables collection loader
- transfer station operative
- compost operative
- materials recycling facility operative
- household waste recycling operative
- recycling operative (waste electrical and electronic equipment)

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners can progress into a wide range of job roles relating to the collection, transfer, treatment and final disposal of waste and resources.

Further qualification opportunities for learners to progress onto are:

Level 3 Diploma for Sustainable Recycling Activities (Supervisory) 600/1727/2

Level 3 Diploma for Waste Supervisor 600/2266/8

Level 3 Certificate in Principles of Sustainable Resource Management 600/1720/X

What are the benefits of this qualification to the learner and employer?

The qualification contributes to the development of a sustainable workforce for the UK waste management and recycling industries.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is highly valued and supported by the following employers:

HMP Wealston
HMP Leeds
HMP Askham Grange
HMP New Hall
HMP Hull
Serco