

Waste Smart Training

Waste Smart is the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management's (CIWM) industry standard training course designed to offer accessible, practical and sustainable waste and resource management skills. It is designed to help businesses cut their waste costs, comply with all necessary legislation and become more resource efficient. The course is available as a Foundation or Advanced level certificate, and both have been tailored to include the necessary information a delegate will require to be proficient within their specific job role.

Foundation Course Details

The foundation level of the course is aimed at anyone who generates, handles or manages waste as part of their role within the organisation. It provides the information necessary to make astute and efficient waste related decisions, whilst increasing sustainability and improving performance.

This version of the course consists of 5 sessions the duration of which is 4 hours plus time to complete the assessment:

Waste as a resource

Identifying different types of wastes and their legal definition, and exploring the idea that wastes can be a resource with a potential value

The environmental impact of waste

Explores how unsustainable our reliance on virgin materials is, and considers what we do with our wastes and how this can impact on the environment

The cost of managing waste

Explains the hidden costs of managing wastes and the real cost of waste disposal

Understanding and applying the Waste Hierarchy

This session will assist delegates on how they can use the Waste Hierarchy to identify different options for managing wastes within the workplace

Legislation and compliance

Gives a fundamental understanding of the different legislation and legal duties that apply to anyone handling waste as part of their job

Each course concludes with a short assignment based solely on content supplied during the sessions. The questions are predominantly multiple choice, but some will offer the opportunity to elaborate and expand to demonstrate understanding.

Advanced Course Details

As well as containing the same content as the Foundation certificate, the Advanced course includes three additional sessions. Every organisation has a different way of dealing with their waste based on the type and amount that is produced, and the Advanced option is aimed at delegates whose role deals predominantly with the management of wastes within their business, and whose decisions have the ability to influence a significant level of change within company policy and routine.

The Advanced course consists of 8 sessions the duration of which is 6 hours plus time to complete the assessment:

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Legislation and ensuring compliance

Gives a fundamental understanding of the different legislation and legal duties that apply to anyone handling waste as part of their job

How to identify opportunities to reduce waste in the workplace

Gives a clear understanding of how to plan and carry out a basic waste audit

Managing resources and wastes in the workplace

Identifying and planning improvements that will come as a result of the waste audit findings

How to demonstrate improvements

Understand how to monitor and evaluate your waste as part of a long-term strategy, and why this is important for continued efficiency and sustainability

Each course concludes with a short assignment based on applying knowledge from the course in a given case study to draw out each delegate's understanding of legal compliance, applying the waste hierarchy and implementing and monitoring improvements.