

Purpose Statement

Level 2 Award in Rodent Control for Gamekeepers and Rural Environments (RQF)

The purpose of this qualification is to enable you to increase your knowledge for roles where there is a requirement for rodent control to protect animals, food stocks, property, and equipment.

The qualification provides you with the knowledge and understanding of the principles of rodent control, why it is important and how it can be undertaken effectively

This award is not a Licence to Practice but is approved by the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU). The CRRU run the stewardship regime for professional use rodenticides. By achieving this award, you will be able to purchase rodenticides.

Who is it for?

This qualification is designed for you if you are working in game-keeping, game rearing roles, also people running rural businesses such as farms. It may also be a very useful qualification if you work in the conservation sector.

What are the Entry Requirements?

As the roles may require the use of hazardous substances, you should be aged 16 or over at the time of registration to undertake this qualification. However, you are expected to have some practical experience of vertebrate management, in particular rodent control, in rural situations.

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification will cover the key elements of controlling rodents in rural enterprises such as:

- Rodent biology and behaviour
- The importance of rodent control
- Legislation
- Impact of control
- Rodent Control in farm buildings
- Rodent Control in other rural settings
- The role of the CRRU

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will undertake a provider-set assessment comprising of multiple choice and true/false questions.

What are the Progression Opportunities?

This qualification provides evidence of continuous professional development (CPD). Having achieved the qualification you could progress to roles involving the rodent pest management on game shoots, farming enterprises and other businesses in rural areas in which rodent pests are potentially detrimental.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by the Campaign for Responsible rodenticide Use (CRRU) and BASIS, who administer the industry-recognised PROMPT training courses aimed at furthering the professional development of workers in the pest control sector.