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# Open Awards Level 2 Award in the Principles of Rodent Control (RQF)

610/1782/6



QUALIFICATION GUIDE

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<b>Version Control</b>	
January 2023	This qualification will launch in January 2023.

<b>Qualification Introduction</b>	
January 2023	<p>This is a specialist qualification, developed in partnership with BASIS, the CRRU and Killgerm, covering the control of rodents.</p> <p>The qualification is approved by the UK Rodenticide Stewardship Regime - Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU).</p> <p>Upon achievement of the Open Awards qualification, learners will fulfil the requirement given on the labels of anticoagulant rodenticides relating to the certification of professional pest controllers. This is set out on the <a href="#">CRRU UK website</a>.</p>

## About the Qualification

<b>Title</b>	Open Awards Level 2 Award in the Principles of Rodent Control (RQF)
<b>QAN</b>	610/1782/6
<b>Sector</b>	3.1 Agriculture
<b>Level</b>	2
<b>Funding</b>	<a href="#">Please click here for more information</a>
<b>Pricing Information</b>	<a href="#">Please click here for more information</a>
<b>Review Date</b>	31/08/2026

<b>Ofqual Purpose</b>	C - Prepare for employment
<b>Ofqual Sub-Purpose</b>	C2 - Prepare for employment in a specific occupational area

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Award	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	20
Guided Learning (hours)	13

Age Range and Restrictions:	
Pre -16	x
16 – 18	✓
18+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any specified entry requirements
<p>As the roles may require the use of hazardous substances, learners should be aged 16 or over at the time of registration to undertake this qualification. However, learners are not required to possess any prior practical experience or hold other certificates relevant to pest control.</p> <p>Measures must be taken to make the qualification and assessment as accessible as possible. Reasonable adjustments should be made in this regard by those delivering and assessing the qualification.</p>

### **Recommended Assessment Method Summary**

The preferred method of assessment is by multiple choice assessment. Other methods of assessment could be used (e.g. professional discussions, questions and answers).

Providers wishing to deliver this qualification must undergo pre-course verification upon registration.

It is advisable that providers use their own MCQ/T/F questions. These must be pre-verified by an Open Awards Quality and Standards Advisor before commencing initial assessments.

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

## Qualification Structure and Units

Rules of Combination	
Award	
Credit Value of the Qualification	2
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	2
Mandatory Units A	2

### Mandatory Units A

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
L/650/4846	<a href="#">Understanding the Principles of Rodent Control</a>	2	Level Two

## Delivering this Qualification

### Becoming a Provider

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards Provider. For more information, head to our website or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

### How to Deliver

To request to deliver this qualification, please login to [the Portal](#) and then click on 'Tracking' and 'Initiate a Workflow'. You will then need to select 'Apply to Deliver Regulated Qualification(s)'. For support with this process, please see the following document in the Portal 'Provider Portal Guidance – Qualification Approval' or contact the team on [customerservices@openawards.org.uk](mailto:customerservices@openawards.org.uk) or 0151 494 2072.

### Registering Learners

Once you are ready to deliver this qualification, you will need to register your learners in line with the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.  
Full, year-long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via the Open Awards [portal](#).

### Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Please see our website for more information.

#### **Provider Staff Requirements**

It is expected that Providers will have occupationally competent staff with relevant subject knowledge and/or sector experience for their role in the delivery of the units/qualifications being offered.

This qualification would benefit from tutor experience in the industry but there is considerable unit content that does not necessarily require industry knowledge. Knowledge of CRRU code, use of chemicals would allow the tutor to bring the subject to life with practical examples, but this is not essential.

Providers are responsible for ensuring that their staff are occupationally competent and have access to appropriate training and support. They are also responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

### **Assessment**

As this is a specialist qualification, Providers will require pre-approval to deliver and assess from the Open Awards Quality Assurance Team.

It is advisable that providers use their own devised Multiple Choice / True and false assessment either online or paper based. The assessment must cover all learning outcomes and assessment criteria and undergo pre-verification by an Open Awards Quality Assurance Team member before commencing the first assessments.

Assessment practices must reflect the [Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards](#).

### **Training and support**

Open Awards offers online training and support in Delivery and Assessment and Quality Assurance. These can be accessed, free of charge from the Open Awards [e-shop](#). An everlasting coupon (PLUC code) will be issued to each Provider to gain free access to our online Provider training courses.

### **Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)**

All Providers delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A Provider must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

Internal Quality Assurers should have industry experience although this may not be essential as animal biology and chemical use for example could come from other specialisms.

### **External Quality Assurance (EQA)**

Provider approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by the Open Awards Quality Assurance Team / External Quality Assurers who will confirm that the Provider is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.

**Please note:** There is no need for a specialist EQA, nor specialist equipment to teach the course.

### **Standardisation**

Providers are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

For further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation, please refer to the [Provider Handbook](#).

## **Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)**

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the Provider to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external quality assurance by the Open Awards Quality Assurance Team.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on the Open Awards [portal](#).



## Appendices and Links

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<a href="#">Provider Handbook</a>
<a href="#">Enquiries, Complaints and Appeals Policy</a>
<a href="#">Equality and Diversity Policy</a>
<a href="#">Invoicing Policy</a>
<a href="#">Privacy Policy</a>

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