

Pest management e-learning for the food industry

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Clause 4.14.12: Employees shall understand the signs of pest activity and be aware of the need to report any evidence of pest activity to a designated manager.

Pest management is a pre-requisite for ensuring public health and food safety. Everyone working in the food industry has a critical part to play in a successful pest management programme. Our e-learning is designed to impart knowledge, in an informative, entertaining and interactive way, to allow everyone to successfully fulfil their role in the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programme.

Essential Pest Awareness

Designed particularly with food production, maintenance, warehousing and retail employees in mind, this entry level course, with a completion time of around 60 minutes, aims to impart the key facts concerning those pests that may present a threat in a food manufacturing or storage environment. Key topics:

- Why controlling pests is important
- How they enter premises
- What they need to survive and multiply
- Rodent and insect pest facts, including spotting signs of their presence
- The role of the individual in a successful IPM programme

Sample slides from the course may be viewed by clicking [HERE](#)

An assessment allows verification that the essential knowledge has been acquired. A certificate is issued automatically when a pass is achieved.

Advanced Pest Awareness and Pest Control Contract Management

The person responsible for managing pest control should be suitably trained. Our Advanced Pest Awareness and Pest Control Contract Management courses may be completed separately. Together, they provide the 'complete package' for anyone charged with managing pest control. These courses will also appeal to those responsible for auditing pest control activities in their own, or suppliers, sites. The key objectives of these courses are:

Advanced Pest Awareness

- To understand the reasons why pest management in a food handling environment is of critical importance
- To review the principal rodent, insect and bird pests
- To examine aspects of their biology and behaviour that are critical to achieving successful control, and which can impact adversely on our ability to control them
- To understand the principles and practices of a successful IPM programme

Rodent Pests and their Control

The rodent element of the Advanced Course is available as a standalone module covering:

- The reasons why pest management is of critical importance
- The principal rodent pest species, their biology and behaviour
- Rodent monitoring and control options

Pest Control Contract Management

- To review the main pests of concern, and the reasons why control is so important
- To examine how legislation, and similar constraints, impact on what pest controllers are allowed to do



- To establish the objectives of the client and contractor when establishing a pest control contract
- To examine the key elements of a pest control contract specification
- To review the process of selecting a contractor, and managing and monitoring their performance

These are comprehensive courses, with estimated completion times of 8 hours for the Advanced course, 3 hours for the Rodent module and 4 hours for the Contract Management course. Assessments provide verification that the objectives have been achieved. **Technical manuals are provided for all courses**, eliminating the need to take copious notes. Certificates are issued automatically when a pass is achieved.

Sample slides from the Advanced Pest Awareness course may be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).
The rodent biology and behaviour section may be viewed in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#).

Our training has been independently assessed by the CPD Certification Service

Your investment

Essential Pest Awareness	Advanced Pest Awareness	Rodent Control	Contract Management
Up to 10 licences - £40 11-100 licences - £30 100+ licences - £25	Up to 10 licences - £150 11-100 licences - £125 100+ licences - £100	Up to 10 licences - £60 11-100 licences - £50 100+ licences - £40	Up to 10 licences - £125 11-100 licences - £110 100+ licences - £90
10% discount when Advanced Awareness and Contract Management courses are purchased at the same time			
All prices are person, and are exclusive of VAT Licences remain valid for six months from date of purchase, extendable on request			

Client managed portal

To establish a client-managed portal, where you have control of the enrolment and tracking process there is an initial set-up fee of £250, plus an annual management fee of £250 (also payable in the first year). Cost per candidate is then:

- Essential Pest Awareness; £20 per candidate
- Advanced Pest Awareness; £90 per candidate
- Rodent control; £30 per candidate
- Contract Management; £75 per candidate

Example cost comparison:

Number of licences	Total cost for licences only	Total cost using the client-managed portal
10 Essential 1 Advanced	£550	£790
100 Essential 3 Advanced	£2950	£2770
300 Essential 10 Advanced	£9000	£7400

Courses may also be purchased, for delivery on your own e-learning platform. Contact us for details

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