

# Responsible and Effective Control of Commensal Rodents



## At a glance...

### Training (with Assessment)

Duration Notes:	The expected duration for the course is one day, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical demonstration

## Introduction

Gain an industry-recognised certificate in rodent control with our one-day course.

## Overview in brief

Commensal rodents are those that live in close proximity to humans

In essence, the term refers to rats and mice.

Our course is designed for anyone new to, or wishing to develop their skills further in, rodent control.

You'll learn about both the rodents and the biocides used in their control.

## The finer details

This is an integrated training and assessment course.

You'll receive a certificate of training once it is completed. This is now a requirement for anyone wishing to work in pest control.

We'll guide you through the key legislation and safety issues.



You'll learn about the biology and behaviour of rodents.

Sessions on storage and transportation, disposal and control programmes will also be run.



Course sessions:

- Legislation that affects pest management
- Common terms for using biocides
- Public health biocides product labels
- Safe storage and transport of biocides
- Disposal of biocides and containers
- Keeping biocide records
- Specific legislation and best practice for the management and control of rats and mice
- Target pest species
- Non-target species
- Site surveys
- Evaluate control options
- Control programmes.

### Who should attend?

Our course is for anyone who wishes to control rodents in a commercial environment or undertake pest control predominantly in land-based or related industries.

### What will be covered?

#### Safe Use of Biocides

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Understand your responsibilities under the law and help you become a safe and competent biocide user
- Interpret and use product label information
- Store and transport biocides safely
- Dispose of biocides and containers safely
- Record information correctly.

#### Commensal Rodents

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Identify rats and mice and the typical symptoms of damage caused
- Identify non-target species



- Identify the degree and source of an infestation
- State the legislative obligations and responsibilities relevant to the control of rats and mice
- Describe the lifestyle, habits, and habitats of rats and mice
- Plan, implement and monitor an effective control programme for rats and mice
- Select and carry out the most appropriate methods of rat and mouse control, in line with current legal guidelines and recognised good practice
- Understand the effect rodent control can have on the environment and ensure risks to non-target animals are minimised.

