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BASIS launches recognised qualification for pesticide storekeepers in the amenity sector

Independent standards setting organisation, BASIS, has launched a new training course and accredited qualification specifically developed for professionals who are responsible for the storage of professional pesticides within the amenity sector.

BASIS has been successfully delivering nominated storekeeper (NSK) training courses for over 35 years, enabling anyone responsible for storing professional pesticides to meet the standards required stipulated within current legislation and industry codes of practice.

The recently developed NSK Amenity course will provide more focussed training that meets the specific requirements for professional storekeepers working within the amenity sector.

Greg Hopkinson, head of business development at BASIS, explained how this course has been designed to meet the requirements for anyone working within the amenity industry who manages a professional pesticide store.

“Our nominated storekeeper (NSK) training courses provide anyone responsible for the storage of professional pesticides with the knowledge required to carry out this role in a way which protects the wider environment, and meets the required standards stipulated within current legislation and industry codes of practice.”

“However, we recognised that our current qualifications were not meeting the specific needs for those working in industries such as lawn care, greenkeeping, sports turf and within the amenity sector more widely. This new NSK Amenity training course provides more focussed training on key areas which impact the amenity sector, for example the management of small stores and mobile storage.”

This new qualification has been accredited by Harper Adams University, and is fully recognised by the Chemical Regulation Division (CRD) as a certificate of

competence for anyone responsible for the storage of pesticides within the amenity sector.

The first training courses for the NSK Amenity qualification will be delivered online from August 2021 onwards with more details available on the BASIS website.

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