Update on education and training matters

New BASIS Amenity Training Register

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BASIS REGISTRATION LTD

1978 - Established by the Pesticide Industry in order to:

• develop professional standards for storage, transport and use of agricultural and horticultural pesticides

• provide an industry recognised system to assess the competence of staff
2015 – BASIS, facts and figures:

1. Independent, Recognised, Not for profit, Expanded

2. Every year:
   ≈ 1,600 people are BASIS trained
   > 700 pesticide stores are inspected and certified
   ± 10,000 people are managed on Professional Registers
COURSES AND TRAINING

The Graduate Diploma in Agronomy with Environmental management and a Suite of BASIS Modules were validated at Harper Adams University on 23rd of January 2015

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<td>Accredited by Harper Adams University (valid until 2020)</td>
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<td>Accreditation not needed (e.g. NSK refresher)</td>
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<td><strong>Total number of BASIS courses</strong></td>
<td>56</td>
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COURSES AND TRAINING

Academic levels of BASIS courses

Level 6: 69%
Level 4: 21%
Level 5: 8%
Level 7: 2%
COURSES AND TRAINING

Classification of the BASIS courses by subject area

- Pesticide advice: 65%
- Environmental Management: 17%
- Plant Nutrition Advice: 6%
- Short Ag. courses: 12%
COURSES AND TRAINING

Courses are designed for professionals from the pesticide and allied industries:

- Pesticide and fertiliser advisors
- Amenity professionals (Grass and Sports Turf; Hard Surfaces Areas; Invasive and Injurious Weeds; Shrubs, Borders and Container Plants)
- Local authorities
- Garden centre consultants
- Farmers and farm operators
- Store keepers
- Drones pilots
- Etc.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

we have designed several possible ways to assist agricultural professionals through their carrier progression
QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

BASIS Foundation Award
• 15 Credits

BASIS Cert in Crop Protection
• 30 Credits

BASIS Award(s)
• 60 Credits

BASIS Diploma in Agronomy
• 105 Credits

Graduate Diploma in Agronomy with Environmental Management
• 120 Credit
BASIS Diploma in Agronomy

The BASIS Diploma in Agronomy

Necessary qualifications/modules:
- BETA/Conservation Management
- Plant Protection Award
- Advanced Crop Module OR Nutrient Management Module
- Soil & Water Management

Entry requirements:
- BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection
- FACTS
HAU Graduate Diploma in Agronomy with Environmental Management

**Graduate Diploma in Agronomy with Environmental Management**

The BASIS Diploma in Agronomy
- BETA/Conservation Management (15 credits)
- Plant Protection Award (15 credits)
- Advanced Crop or Nutrient Management (15 credits)
- Soil and Water (15 credits)
- BASIS Certificate in Crop Protection (30 credits)
  - FACTS (15 credits)

+ Advanced Crop or Nutrient Management Planning (15 credits)

= Graduate Diploma in Agronomy with Environmental Management (120 credits)

All exams must be successfully completed.
PROFESSIONAL REGISTERS

- PROMPT, 2745
- DAIRY PRO, 763
- FACTS, 3001
- BATR, 424
- Profesional Register, 4990

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Regulated aspects for the Amenity Industry:

1. Initial training at all levels (users, distributors and advisors)
2. Additional training opportunities
3. National certification systems for professionals
4. Information and awareness raising campaigns
5. Inspection of equipment in use
COMMITMENTS TO THE AMENITY INDUSTRY

Promote safe and responsible use of pesticides within the Amenity Industry

Encourage integrated control of weeds, pests and diseases

Produce best practice guides for raising standards in the industry at all professional levels

Organise events, inform and represent the industry in conjunction with the media, local authorities and other relevant bodies.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AMENITY INDUSTRY

Training for the sector - 10 courses:

- **Foundation level**: a 4 to 6 day introductory course for staff not involved in giving pesticide advice;

- **Advisory level for pesticides**: FSTS for professionals from the amenity sector;

- **Advisory level for plant nutrition**: 2 courses (FACTS and NMP);

- **Store keeper training**: 2 day course for the amenity pesticides stores.
Training register:

Operating from 1st of January 2015 solely for the Amenity Industry, to cover the following jobs and functions:

- Sprayer operators and IPM practitioners
- Pesticide, fertilisers and IPM advisors
- Contract managers, supervisors and specifiers
- Local authority personnel responsible for plant protection
- Network Rail Managers
- Etc.
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<td>Students, Those wishing to take training in the future</td>
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<td>Subscriber</td>
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<td>Interested in receiving industry updates, Wish to support the amenity sector</td>
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AMENITY INDUSTRY

How to join?

1. By successful completion of any of the BASIS amenity modules
2. By submitting evidence of the individuals PA certification
3. By declaring the intention to undertake appropriate training in the immediate future
4. By paying the membership fee for the “non advisory” categories
How to apply?

1. Complete, sign and submit the application form;

2. Pay the fees (various, based on the number of employees per company and category of membership);

3. Submit the training evidence (for new members);

4. Once registered start the CPD process.
CPD is a points system gained by attending various learning activities and/or by participation in relevant projects/services.

Every year BASIS manages:

± 2,000 training partners
≈ 6,000 registered events
> 250,000 CPD points
AMENITY TRAINING REGISTER

CPD activities:

- **Work based** (feedback from customers, employers, etc.);

- **Professional activities** (mentoring others, membership of a body of expertise, organising conferences, giving presentations, etc.);

- **Formal training** (attending approved courses and training, organising and delivering professional training, etc.);

- **Self-study** (subscription to technical journals, reading relevant articles (including online publications), etc.).
Benefits of membership:

1. Provides proof of harmonised professional standards in the amenity sector across the UK;
2. Keeps members up-to-date with the industry news and activity;
3. Offers access and assistance to a flexible CPD scheme;
4. Provides an interaction platform for the amenity professional at all levels;
5. Highlights the socially responsible attitude of Register members towards the general public and relevant authorities.
AMENITY TRAINING REGISTER

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