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Main Category	Description		Notes
PA 1	Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides		
PA 2	Safe Application of Pesticides Using Self Propelled, Mounted, Trailed Horizontal Boom Sprayers		All separate assessments (can be taken on the same day)
	A	Operating Mounted, Trailed and Self-Propelled Hydraulic Nozzle or Rotary Atomiser Horizontal Boom Sprayers	Includes angled and twin cap nozzle systems.
	C	Operating Mounted, Trailed and Self-Propelled Air / Fluid Nozzle Horizontal Boom Sprayers	Twin-Fluid systems (Air at Low volume & high pressure)
	E	Operating Mounted, Trailed and Self-Propelled Downward Air Assisted Horizontal Boom Sprayers	Air Sleeve Systems (Air at high volume and low pressure)
	F	Operating Mounted or Trailed Wick Type Applicators	Includes brush type applicators
	AR	Operating Vehicle Mounted Kerb Sprayers Fitted with Hydraulic Nozzles/Rotary Atomisers	Also used in vineyards.
PA 3	Safe Application of Pesticides Using Variable Geometry Boom or Broadcast Sprayers		Primarily Fruit, Vineyard & Poultry House sprayers. All separate assessments (can be taken on the same day)
	A	Operating a Broadcast Sprayer with or without Air Assistance. Fixed geometry nozzles.	Manual nozzle angle adjustment possible.
	B	Operating a Variable Geometry Boom Sprayer with Air Assistance	Variable nozzle geometry controlled from operators' seat
	C	Operating a Variable Geometry Boom Sprayer without Air Assistance	Variable nozzle geometry controlled from operators' seat
PA 4	Safe Application of Pelleted or Granular Pesticides Using Mounted or Trailed Applicators		All separate assessments (can be taken on the same day)
	G	Operating Mounted or Trailed Granular Pesticide Applicators	Mounted on any machine
	S	Operating Mounted or Trailed Slug Pellet Applicators	Mounted on any machine
PA5	Safe Application of Pesticides Using Boat Mounted Equipment		All separate assessments (can be taken on the same day)
	A	Operating Boat Mounted Sprayers fitted with Hydraulic Nozzles/Rotary Atomisers for Applying Pesticides to Water	

PA 5	B	Operating Boat Mounted Granular Applicators for Applying Pesticides to Water	
	P	Operating Boat Mounted Applicators for Applying Piscicides to Water	
PA 6	Safe Application of Pesticides using Pedestrian Handheld Equipment (PA6)		All separate assessments (can be taken on the same day)
	A	Operating Pedestrian Handheld Applicators Fitted with Hydraulic Nozzles or Rotary Atomisers to Apply Pesticides to Land	
	AW	Operating Pedestrian Handheld Applicators fitted with Hydraulic Nozzles or Rotary Atomisers to Apply Pesticides to or Near Water	Anything within a buffer zone. Up to or near water.
	G	Operating Pedestrian Handheld Applicators to apply Pesticide Pellets or Granules to Land	Very few products available. Manually applied pesticide in seed hopper.
	GW	Operating Pedestrian Handheld Applicators to Apply Pesticide Pellets or Granules to or Near Water	Anything within a buffer zone. To or near water. Very few products available
	PP	Installing Pesticide Plugs in Tree Stumps	
	INJ	Operating Handheld Pesticide Injection Equipment	
	MC	Operating other Handheld Applicators Requiring Minimal Calibration	e.g. Handheld weed wiper.
PA 7	Safe Application of Pesticides from the Air		
PA 8	Safe Mixing and Transferring of Pesticides		Bowser with mixing capability
PA 9	Safe Application of Pesticide Mists, Fogs, and Smokes		All separate assessments (can be taken on the same day)
	A	Applying Pesticide Mists, less than 100 Microns VMD Indoors	
	B	Applying Pesticide Mists, less than 100 Microns VMD Outdoors	
	C	Applying Pesticide Fogs, less than 100 Microns VMD Indoors	
	D	Applying Pesticide Smokes Indoors	
PA10		Safe Dipping of Plant Material in Pesticides	
PA 11		Safe Treatment of Seeds with Pesticides	Large & Small grains



PA 12		Safe Application of Pesticides to Plant Material During a Continuous Flow Process	e.g. Applied via roller table to potatoes.
PA13		Safe Sub Surface Application of Liquid Pesticides	
PA SC	Qualification No	Safe Use of Pesticides Using Specialist Equipment	All separate assessments
	231	Operating Automated Equipment for Applying Pesticides (D/505/7793)	Includes automated gantry systems in glasshouses
	232	Operation of Mounted, Trailed or Self Propelled Electrostatic Charged Sprayers for applying Pesticides to Crops	Rarely seen technology
	233	Operation of Pesticide Applicators attached to Cultivating or Planting Equipment	For nozzles, not on a boom e.g. Potato planter
	234	Operation of a Sprayer Mounted on a Train fitted with Hydraulic Nozzles for Applying Pesticides	
	235	Operation of a Bankside Sprayer Mounted on a Train fitted with Hydraulic Nozzles for applying Pesticides	
	236	Operating Other Specialist Equipment for Applying Pesticides	
PA - RPM	Qualification No	Responsible Pesticide Management. This qualification is designed specifically for anyone who currently supervises or manages a pesticide team or wishes to develop their career further.	This is a new award.
	271	Managing the Health, Safety and Welfare of Operators Applying Pesticides	
	272	Minimising the Environmental Impact of Pesticide Operations	
	273	Storage and Effective use of Pesticides	
	274	Integrated Pest Management	

