

## **Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU) Online Learning and Certification**

The rodenticide industry acting as a whole, has recognised the need to address the concerns surrounding the responsible use of rodenticides and the need to ensure that rodenticides are used correctly and in ways that will minimise the exposure of wildlife. The industry has therefore initiated the 'Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use' (CRRU).

LODI places paramount importance on the correct use of its rodent baits to ensure that farmers get the results they have paid for whilst ensuring that none target species do not come to any harm from rodenticide use. LODI UK is a Director of CRRU and it is very important for us, as well as for our industry that farmers understand how to use baits correctly.

All rodenticides between 3kg and 10kg are labelled "For supply to and use only by professional users holding certification demonstrating compliance with UK rodenticide stewardship regime requirements". This means that retailers will need to check certification prior to the sale of professional use rodenticides to ensure that only competent professionals can buy products under the stewardship scheme.

### **What does this mean for farmers? There are several options:**

- Possession of a certificate from an approved training programme and awarding organisation confirming professional competence, thereby allowing purchase and use of professional rodenticide packs with stewardship labels.
- Employment of a professional pest control contractor which employs technicians themselves in possession of such approved certificates.
- Membership of a UK farm assurance scheme which has among its standards a requirement for an audited programme of rodent pest management.
- The purchase and use of amateur rodenticide products.

Professional pest controllers, farmers and gamekeepers purchasing stewardship label products will require proof of competence at point-of-sale. This can be either a certificate from a CRRU approved training course on rodent control or, up-to-date proof of membership of an assurance scheme whose audited standards include a requirement for safe and effective rodent control e.g. **Red Tractor** (a full list can be found at [www.thinkwildlife.org](http://www.thinkwildlife.org))

### **Level 2 Award in Rodent Management Online Training and Exam**

Lodi UK provides an e-learning course in conjunction with **Lantra** comprising of learning modules and a proctored multiple choice exam which upon successful completion, provides a nationally

recognised and CRRU approved qualification reflecting national standards for the rodent management sector.

Training takes roughly 4-6 hours to complete all of the modules and is followed by an online proctored exam, consisting of multiple-choice questions. Once the exam has been booked, candidates will have 3 days (72 hours) to complete. Online access via a suitable PC, laptop or tablet is required. Also, a webcam, microphone and mobile phone (with a camera, that can be tethered to a computer) are needed for the exam. Assessment takes approximately 60 minutes and one attempt is allowed.

Links to the course and the re-sit can be found below:

**LEVEL 2 AWARD IN RODENT MANAGEMENT**  
**([WWW.ELEARNING.LANTRA.CO.UK/REGISTER/117/35](http://WWW.ELEARNING.LANTRA.CO.UK/REGISTER/117/35))**  
**COST £85 + VAT**

**LEVEL 2 AWARD IN RODENT MANAGEMENT - RESIT ONLY**  
**([WWW.ELEARNING.LANTRA.CO.UK/REGISTER/123/35](http://WWW.ELEARNING.LANTRA.CO.UK/REGISTER/123/35))**  
**COST £65 + VAT**

Further information on the Point of Sale process that Agricultural Retailers are required to use for checking professional competence at point-of-sale can be found at this link:

[www.thinkwildlife.org/stewardship-regime/](http://www.thinkwildlife.org/stewardship-regime/) where the CRRU Code of Best Practice and the CRRU Code can be downloaded as well as all of the press releases and a list of approved training certificates. Or, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the Lodi UK Office on 01384 404242.