

The RPZ Approved Installation Method (AIM 08-01 Issue 1) has been undergoing a review by the water industry. This was concluded and AIM 08-01 Issue 2 was published alongside Issue 1 on 8th January 2020 with a 12 month transition period running until 7th January 2021. At end of the transition period AIM 08-01 Issue 1 will no longer be recognised and withdrawn.

During the transition period the water industry is offering free conversion training to current approved RPZ testers, facilitated through WRAS. The purpose of the training is to update existing RPZ testers on the changes to the revised AIM 08-01 and how it will affect them.

The training is a self-directed to supplements existing knowledge. Using the printed training pack provided it can be done at work or home. After working through the training pack there is an online assessment via the WRAS e-learning portal, which can be accessed wherever you are. 4 weeks is allocated to complete the training. There are no physical classroom sessions planned and the training and assessment does not include any practical elements.

Each tester will be provided with their own unique account logins to access their assessment - this requires a personal email address. The course activity table below, provides a brief overview as to the structure of the training.

Activity	Core reading	Online activities
 Training manual	3 to 4 hours	
 "Getting to know the WRAS Online e-learning portal"		30 minutes
 Assessment		45 minutes

Each RPZ tester will be allowed to access one free training course. 4 weeks has been allocated for each course to allow flexibility around work and other commitments. A certificate will be issued following successful completion of the course.

Courses have been arranged between March and September 2020 each with 120 places. These will be offered on a first come first served basis. Information and availability of courses will be provided on the WRAS website at - wras.co.uk/plumbing_professionals/rpz_testers/issue-2-update/.

To improve national promotion and recognition of RPZ testers, a new RPZ sector within the approved contractor schemes is being created. The Conversion Training Certificate will form part of the qualification requirements for membership for the RPZ sector. Sector membership will also provide the opportunity to be listed within the Support Services section of the WaterSafe website, which is promoted nationally by water companies. To prevent duplication, the list currently provided by WRAS will be withdrawn at the end of the transition period. More information will become available during 2020.

Important

- The conversion training will **only** be available during the transition period.
- To continue to be recognised after 7th January 2021, RPZ testers must have either successfully completed the *Conversion Training*; or, at their cost, a water industry recognised RPZ training course by a commercial provider – which are currently under development.