

BPCA Fumigation Examinations

All persons undertaking fumigation activities unsupervised in the UK must be trained and certificated. To obtain certification, technicians must first pass the BPC Fumigation Diploma examination followed by the BPC Certificate of Proficiency.

The BPCA Fumigation Diploma

This initial exam is designed for anyone who has a working knowledge of fumigation with methyl bromide and phosphine as a trainee, but does not have any official certification. **Possession of the Diploma does not entitle the holder to undertake fumigation unsupervised.** The exam consists of multiple choice and short answer questions. Time allowed 75 minutes.

The BPCA Certificate of Proficiency for Fumigation Operators

Having gained the BPCA Fumigation Diploma, as well as adequate practical experience as judged by their supervisor/manager, candidates progress to the Certificate of Proficiency for Fumigation Operators.

For each specialist module, the examination consists of two parts:

- Short multiple choice question paper.
- Practical/oral examination in which candidates will be expected to demonstrate their understanding of the particular skills required for that specialisation, together with an overall understanding of detection and protection practices necessary for the safe use of fumigant gases.

Candidates may be examined in a number of modules at each sitting. Practical experience in each is essential; the minimum number of fumigations acceptable for each module is detailed below. Experience in all modules should be as varied as possible and in cases of limited experience these minimum numbers may not be acceptable.

Candidates must bring along their personal fumigation logbook, gas detection and respiratory protective equipment and company clearance certificate.

Module 1 - Soil and compost (glasshouses, plastic tunnels and mushroom houses).
Number of fumigations - 10

Module 2 - Space fumigation, buildings, warehouses, silos and mills. Number of fumigations - 5 different buildings

Module 3 - Commodities under sheet, grain stores and timber. Number of fumigations - 20

Module 4 - Containers and lighters. Number of fumigations - 20 different containers of varying sizes and construction

Module 5 - Ships. Number of fumigations - 5

Module 6 - Aircraft. Number of fumigations - 5

Module 7 - Bubble. Number of fumigations - 10

Module 8 - Chambers and permanently sited containers. Number of fumigations - 10

Module 9 - Chloropicrin. Number of fumigations - 10

The exam can be adapted to accommodate candidates with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, providing advance notification is given and the candidate has undergone a professional assessment. An additional fee may be payable should a reader and/or scribe be required.

Cancellation

Cancellations can only be accepted on receipt of written instruction and are effective from the date received by the BPCA. Charges will be applied as per the table below:

Working days prior to exam	BPCA/RSPH (Level 2) Certificate in Pest Control	All other exams
More than 15 working days	No charge	No charge
10-15 working days	100% of exam fee	No charge
5-10 working days	100% of exam fee	50% of exam fee
Less the 5 working days	100% of exam fee	100% of exam fee