



Grey Squirrel Shooting Competency Course

At a glance...

Assessed Customised Provision

Delivery Method: Classroom and practical demonstration and assessment

Recognised by: Lantra Awards

Prerequisites: Learners are required to bring their own sub 12ft/lb air rifle zeroed at 20-25 yards.

Learners must hold an air weapon certificate if they intend to shoot in Scotland.

Learners must be aged 16 years or above.

Learners should have a general understanding of basic firearm or air rifle handling.

Introduction

Learn the knowledge, skills, and practical competence required to undertake safe, humane and effective shooting of grey squirrels, as part of red squirrel conservation and biodiversity management programmes.

Overview in brief

This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.

The minimum age to undertake this course is 16.

The aim of this comprehensive training course is to provide learners with the knowledge, skills, and practical competence required to undertake safe, humane, and effective shooting of grey



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squirrels as part of conserving red squirrels and for woodland and biodiversity management programmes, in accordance with current UK legislation, standards and recognised best practice.



It is an ideal one-day course offering suitable individuals the opportunity to provide evidence to support competence in grey squirrel management.

The theory aspects of this course will be classroom based in the morning with plenty of time for learners to ask questions and discuss situations. The practical and technical shooting aspects will take place in the afternoon.

Learners will be formally assessed via an individual written test, continuous assessment in the safe handling of rifles and a shooting accuracy test.

The finer details

Theoretical Instruction:

- Ecology and management of grey squirrels
- Legal responsibilities
- Firearm safety, storage, and transport
- Risk assessment and safe shooting zones
- Humane dispatch principles
- Record-keeping and monitoring of control programmes

Practical Training:

- Firearm or air rifle handling and maintenance
- Safe shooting positions and field techniques
- Range estimation and target acquisition
- Shot placement and humane dispatch
- Field hygiene and carcass disposal procedures

Who should attend?

- Professional pest controllers
- Forestry and estate managers
- Gamekeepers and landowners
- Conservation and wildlife management personnel
- Individuals involved in grey squirrel management programmes



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