



## NRoSO annual training moves online

All NRoSO members have the opportunity to earn 8 NRoSO points and BASIS members, 8 BASIS points from a new online Annual Training course. The move follows the cancellation of all face-to-face events due to the Covid-19 crisis.

City & Guilds and the NRoSO board are ensuring members can continue their essential training and gain points by moving to the Annual Training online. It will be available online at [www.eioperator.com](http://www.eioperator.com), from 14<sup>th</sup> January.

The course content, supplied by the same team as the Annual Training Event, will be very similar to the face-to-face events. **Operators can choose to take an Arable or Fruit version of the course, which both provide 8 NRoSO/8 BASIS points.** The cost is £30.

Robert Lockhart, Chairman of the NRoSO board, says while face-to-face training had to be cancelled, it's important operators can still access this important CPD training resource for their continuous professional development (CPD) training.

“Many operators rely on the NRoSO Annual Training Event to gain their required CPD points. Regardless of the Covid-19 crisis, farming continues and operators still need to keep up to date with industry changes as well as comply with crop assurance requirements.”

“This is why we have worked hard to continue to provide our members with the chance to meet their CPD commitment and gain their points in the most effective way. While we acknowledge online learning will not suit all operators, we have worked hard to make the course as easily accessible as possible for the vast majority of people,” he explains.

**The Annual Training course is available from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

NRoSO members can sign up at any time in this period. It is expected to take about two and half hours. Operators can take a break and return to the course at any time, but have until 31<sup>st</sup> August to complete the course.

There is a series of tests and quizzes with illustrations, graphics and video content which help to provide an engaging and interesting learning experience.

### **Annual training online**

- 8 NRoSO points / 8 BASIS points
- Choose from Arable or Fruit courses

- Cost £30
- Easy to follow lessons
- Multiple choice tests
- Available from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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### **What's in the course?**

Those familiar with the Annual Training Event content will recognise the similar format. is available in Arable and Fruit formats:

The **Arable** course is divided into four main 'lessons':

#### **Current Issues**

- Update the latest approvals and water protection.

#### **Tests and training**

- NSTS test results and tips to pass first time
- Qualifications required to operate machine-mounted applicators
- Best practice filling and mixing
- Best practice rinsing and cleaning
- Droplet sizes - retention, penetration and drift
- Nozzle selection advice.

#### **Prevent pest trouble in store**

- Safe and effective way to control in-store pests
- Store pest identification
- Rodent control measures and responsible rodenticide use.

#### **Safe and legal on the road**

- Road law and licence requirements
- Trailer tests, widths, weight and speed limits
- Roadworthiness requirements
- Emergency procedures.

A dedicated **Fruit** version offers three lessons, including two designed specifically for operators working in this specialist sector.

#### **Current Issues**

- Update on the latest approvals for products used in fruit
- Water protection advice
- Rodent control measures and responsible rodenticide use.

#### **Foliar nutrient use and application**

- In depth information on foliar nutrients
- Identification of nutrient deficiency or excess.

- Foliar nutrient functions and uptake
- Use and application advice.

### **Biopesticide use and application**

- What are biopesticides and how they work
- Legislation
- Benefits of biopesticides
- Practical considerations and IPM.

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