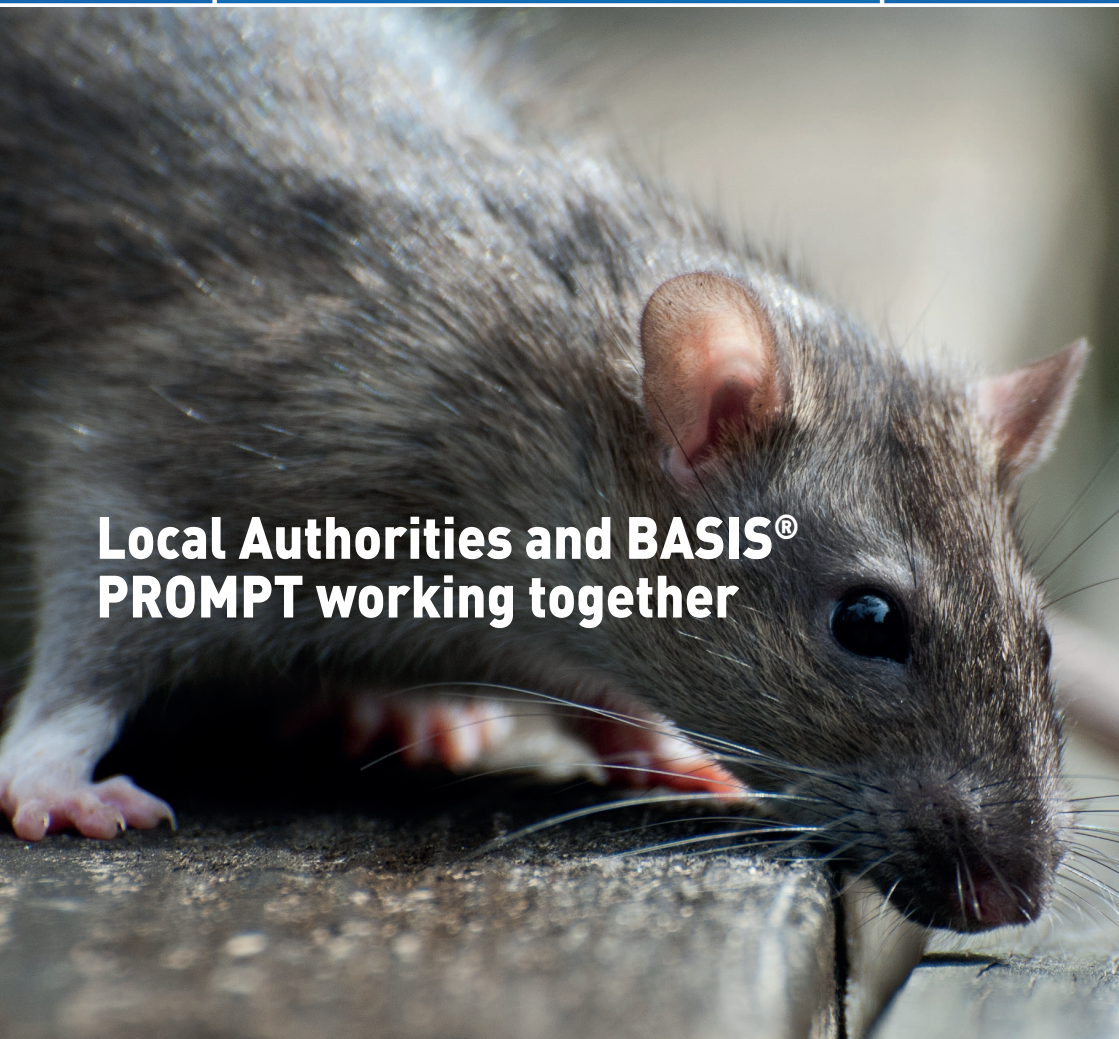


# **PROMPT<sup>®</sup>**

## **Register**

**Local Authorities and BASIS<sup>®</sup>  
PROMPT working together**





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# PESTS THAT ENDANGER OUR HEALTH, CONTAMINATE OUR FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT AND DAMAGE OUR PROPERTY MUST BE CONTROLLED.

**HOWEVER, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEIR CONTROL IS CARRIED OUT RESPONSIBLY BY PEOPLE WHO ARE PROPERLY TRAINED AND COMPETENT.**

The **BASIS PROMPT** register is an industry initiative which provides independent proof that a pest controller/ Local Authority employee has received proper professional training and has continued to update their expertise through continuous professional development (CPD).

Because registration has to be renewed each year, members of the register will always be aware of the most up-to-date techniques, products and legal obligations.

By encouraging their pest control technicians to achieve **BASIS PROMPT** status, local authorities providing an in-house service can ensure that their employees meet the highest standards of training and competence. They can also demonstrate that they value their workforce by providing professional career progression.

If a local authority employs a commercial firm to provide their pest control services, they can now ensure that the firm has a properly trained and qualified workforce by employing only contractors whose technicians are registered on **BASIS PROMPT**.

The pest control industry aligned to set up the professional pest controllers register, **PROMPT** and has support from the organisations featured below, as well as the Sector Skills Council (Asset Skills).

Alongside the **PROMPT** professional pest controllers register, **BASIS** is also significantly linked to the pest industry through the new **BASIS** accredited "Wildlife Aware" course set up by the Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use (CRRU).

## WHAT DOES CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEAN?

CPD is the commitment to life-long learning that professionals in the leading industries expect to make. **BASIS PROMPT** is a way of recognising the up-dating of knowledge and the development of personal qualities throughout a pest controller's working life. There are many ways in which a pest controller can collect CPD points, including attending industry seminars; training courses, including in-house, external and on-line; and trade shows. Points are also gained through membership of relevant organisations.

## WHY SHOULD A LOCAL AUTHORITY JOIN THE PROMPT REGISTER?

- ✓ Ensures employees meet the highest standards of training and competence
- ✓ Employees are aware of the most up to date techniques, products and legal obligations
- ✓ Demonstrates staff are valued by supporting professional career progression
- ✓ **PROMPT** demonstrates professionalism both to consumers and the public
- ✓ Local Authorities qualify for preferential rates

## WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP OF BASIS PROMPT MEAN AND WHY DO LOCAL AUTHORITIES/ PEST CONTROLLERS JOIN THE PROFESSIONAL REGISTER?

- ✓ It is confirmation that a pest controller has attained or is studying to achieve a recognised professional level of training and competence.
- ✓ **PROMPT** enables pest controllers to prove to customers that they meet the high standards required
- ✓ It shows a commitment to being a true professional.
- ✓ Only members of the register will be entitled to use the designated letters MBPR (Pest Control) after their name.
- ✓ Membership of trade associations or industry bodies may in future become dependent on employing only members of the register.

- ✓ The success of the register is also helping to establish a better definition of a professional pest controller, which is much needed in the UK.

The objective of **BASIS PROMPT** is to provide an independent industry-recognised register of suitably qualified people who can genuinely claim to be professionals in public health pest control and related activities.

To gain this recognition, applicants must prove that they:

- Have achieved a minimum level of competence as a professional pest controller
- Have maintained that competence through suitable Continuing Professional Development (CPD); and
- Operate to the highest professional standards of workmanship and conduct as set out in the **BASIS PROMPT** Code of Ethics.

## WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF ONLY EMPLOYING FIRMS WHOSE TECHNICIANS ARE REGISTERED WITH BASIS PROMPT?

Pests are best dealt with by professional pest controllers because successful treatments require a high degree of knowledge of biology, habits and habitats and control methods.

This is knowledge that only a professionally qualified pest controller will have gained as a result of training and experience. But not every firm which offers a commercial pest control service employs technicians who have this degree of knowledge.

## WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO ACHIEVE BASIS PROMPT STATUS?

**BASIS PROMPT** is open to all qualified individuals who sell or provide advice on public health pesticides or who provide a treatment service and are prepared to spend time keeping up-to-date through Continuous Professional Development.

### Full members

Successful applicants must show that they have achieved one of the following:

- The RSPH/BPCA Level 2 Award or Level 2 Certificate in Pest Control/Management;

- The Royal Society of Health Pest Control Certificate;
- The British Pest Control Association (BPCA) Diploma, part I or II;
- A certificate issued by a recognised national body as being of similar standing.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members are Professional Pest Controllers who have at least 5 years of practical service in the industry and who were born before 1st January 1957 but are without a recognised industry qualification. New entrants can also become associate members through achieving their qualifications within 2 years of joining the industry and by attending annual updating and CPD events.

**PROMPT** also offers an **Associate Rodent Specific Category** membership for pest controllers who deal on a day to day basis solely with rodents. As part of the UK Rodenticide Stewardship Regime anyone wishing to buy commercial use rodenticides must now hold a certificate of competence.

## WHO IS BASIS?

BASIS is an independent standards setting and auditing organisation for the pesticides, biocides and allied industries. It is supported by trade associations and professional bodies but controlled by an independently elected board of directors. It works closely with industry, regulatory authorities and government to promote and develop professional standards.

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