

# Swimming Pool Water Testing

**Ofqual Title:** STA Level 2 Award in Swimming Pool Water Testing (QCF)

## Aim

The **Swimming Pool Water Testing** qualification aims to provide the basic information needed and skills necessary to competently test swimming pool and spa water, and to provide a basic understanding of the outcomes of those tests.

## Pre-requisites

- Be of 16 years of age or older

## Validity of Award

This qualification is valid for 5 years.

## Length of Course

4 Recommended Guided Learning Hours.

## Course Information

The **Swimming Pool Water Testing** qualification covers:

- The principles of water testing
- Chemical tests, the practical water test knowledge of where to take samples from and the measurement method
- How to use a comparator and photometer
- How to obtain free chlorine, combined chlorine and pH readings of pool water
- The understanding and interpretation of those readings
- The importance of maintaining break point chlorination and pH balance
- The effect of pH reading on disinfection

## Assessment

The assessment criteria are as follows:

- Satisfactorily complete the course manual and end-of-course worksheet
- Undertake practical water testing, analysis and interpretation

## Revalidation

This qualification requires revalidation every 5 years to update knowledge and demonstrate understanding.