

CROP INSPECTOR TRAINING



Available for cereals, pulses, herbage and oilseed crops

Niab has trained many generations of crop inspectors and seed analysts from across the UK agricultural industry. More than 300 crop inspectors are trained each year, regardless of prior experience, who go on to officially check the various levels of certified seed that are sold in the UK.

Niab offers courses for cereals, pulses, herbage and oilseed crops and regularly train international candidates in all botanical characteristic recognition, enabling them to work towards licences in their own countries.

Courses are run in two parts:

- Part I – online training and exam. Candidates have access to online tutor support throughout the course.
- Part II – practical training and exam. Held at Niab in Cambridge, looking at live material in small groups with a tutor and demonstrator. Final examination held in the plots.

The intensive training is provided by experts in that specific crop type, offering instruction on variety identification, aided by experienced official crop inspectors. The course is designed to provide the appropriate training for candidates sitting their examination for an APHA Crop Inspector's Licence. Training covers crop botany, classification and identification relating to the licence, plus the theory and practice of crop inspection. Features of the course include:

- detailed instructions of crop inspection techniques;
- comprehensive literature;
- identification of major crop species and minor species.

To qualify for a full licence, candidates must pass the Part I and II examinations in the same calendar year.

It is a requirement under the Seeds Marketing Regulations 2011 that a person applying for a crop inspector's licence has "completed an appropriate training course relating to the inspection of seed crops of that species and category".



For further information, course prices and dates, and to book places email cert.training@niab.com or scan the QR code

