

Slug Pellets Qualified or Not?

| Current Situation | Legality | What is needed |
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| Born before 31st Dec 1964 working own land (Grandfather) | Legal | Training such as SPS Seminar strongly recommended |
| All other situations assumed to be either born after 31st December 1964, a contractor or holds some other PA Certificate | | |
| No PA Certificate | ILLEGAL | PA1 + SPS Seminar, then new PA2 or PA4s by July 2011 |
| PA2 pre-1994 | Legal | Training such as SPS seminar strongly recommended |
| PA2 after—1994 | ILLEGAL | SPS update seminar, certificate will then be upgraded |
| PA4 | Legal | Training such as SPS seminar strongly recommended |

Unqualified operators must first take a PA1, then attend an SPS update seminar. Those successfully completing a short multiple choice test at the end of the seminar will receive an interim certificate entitling them to apply slug pellets until July 2011. In the intervening 18 months they need to sit one of the three new/revised PA units due to be introduced in January 2010:

1. A new PA4s slug pellet application unit (a slightly reduced version of PA4)
2. A revised PA4 to enhance coverage of slug pellet application
3. A revised PA2 to introduce an optional extra for slug pellets