

CPCS

Introduction

The Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) scheme was launched in 2003 to help employers comply with regulation and requirements. It is the largest scheme for plant operators with a reported 280,000+ cards issued.

What does the course include?

The training covers the safe use of plant, training for the theory test and general health and safety. Training is available for any of the following plant items:

- Forward Tipping Dumper - Wheeled & Tracked
- 180 Excavator (all sizes)
- Rough Terrain Masted Lift Truck
- Telescopic Handler (all sizes inc. 360 slew)
- Loading Shovel - Wheeled & Tracked
- MEWP - Scissor
- MEWP Boom - Vehicle Mounted
- MEWP Boom - Self Propelled
- Ride On Roller
- Lorry Loader - Hook
- Lorry Loader - Clamshell Bucket
- Slinger / Signaller
- Dump Truck - Articulated Chassis (all sizes)
- Dump Truck - Rigid - Wheeled & Tracked (all sizes)
- 360 Excavator - Wheeled & Tracked (below 10 ton)
- 360 Excavator - Wheeled & Tracked (above 10 ton)
- Mobile Crane (all duties)
- Crawler Crane (all sizes)
- Compact Crane (all sizes)
- Piling Rig - Bored & Driven (all sizes)
- Tractor Dozer
- Grader

How long is the course?

Dependent upon item of plant

Why do I need it?

The scheme aims to provide the following benefits to individuals:-

- Recognition of skills, competence and qualification.
- Improved health & safety awareness.
- Improved employment prospects.
- Provision of training standards to equip individuals with relevant skills to enter the industry.

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Why do I need it? (cont.)

The scheme aims to provide the following benefits to employers:-

- Identification of operatives with recognised skills, competence and qualifications.
- Better quality of work.
- Improved health & safety awareness amongst the workforce.
- Provision of training standards to equip individuals with relevant skills to enter the industry.
- A move to a qualified and carded workforce, which will help to improve customer satisfaction and the industry's image.

What Qualification do I get?

Trained Operator Card (Red)

This card is valid for 2 years from the achievement date of the CPCS practical test and is not renewable.

To apply for this card operators will need to:-

- Have passed the ConstructionSkills H & S test no more than 2 years prior to the date of the Practical test
- Demonstrated underpinning knowledge and understanding through the CPCS Theory test
- Demonstrated operating ability through the CPCS Practical test
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Operators with little or no experience will require training prior to attempting any theory or practical test. Experienced operators with no relevant S/NVQ can apply for this card by demonstrating the above.

A relevant S/NVQ must be achieved within the 2 year lifespan of this card in order to progress to the Competent Operator card.

What can I do next?

Once you have completed the operative red card training course it is possible to progress to the Competent Operator Card (Blue). This card is valid for 5 years and is renewable.

Operators can upgrade from the Trained Operator card to the Competent Operator card by achieving the full S/NVQ with relevant units and holding a valid H & S test pass.

If applying for this card as a new scheme entrant and working directly towards this card then the operator must also:-

- Pass the ConstructionSkills H & S test no more than 2 years prior to the date of the Practical test
- Pass the CPCS Theory test
- Pass the CPCS Practical test

Where can I train?

The training can be delivered on your site if it meets the course requirements or at one of our three training centres situated throughout the UK. All testing for the cards must be completed at one of our test centres.