# NPORS

## BECAUSE TRAINING MATTERS

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# NATIONAL PLANT OPERATORS

## Registration Scheme (NPORS)

NPORS is one of the leading national accreditation and registration bodies in the country to train, test and certificate operators of Plant and Equipment. The law requires that each operator is given adequate training by their employer so that they become competent to operate machinery or equipment which they use (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998; regulation 9).

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The Skills Training Centre specialises in on-site training, providing training of high quality that is specific to the needs of the client.

As the preferred regulatory authority for workplace transport training, NPORS offers employers a one stop shop for their training needs across a wide variety of industry sectors. Skills Training Centre deliver all training and assessments on your site with your own equipment. Following an enquiry, our Sales team will send a proposal to the client. We will also send out pre-requisites document to provide clients with a clear list of all that needs to be provided in order that our Instructor-Assessor is able to carry out your training and assessment onsite.

Our instructor-assessor is required by the NPORS scheme rules to go through and fully complete a profile sheet with each delegate at the start of the course to ensure that each candidate is on the correct programme.

#### THE NPORS SCHEME IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING COURSE AREAS:

#### Accessing Equipment

Transportation

Health & Safety Related

Small Equipment

Lift Truck

Earthmoving Machinery

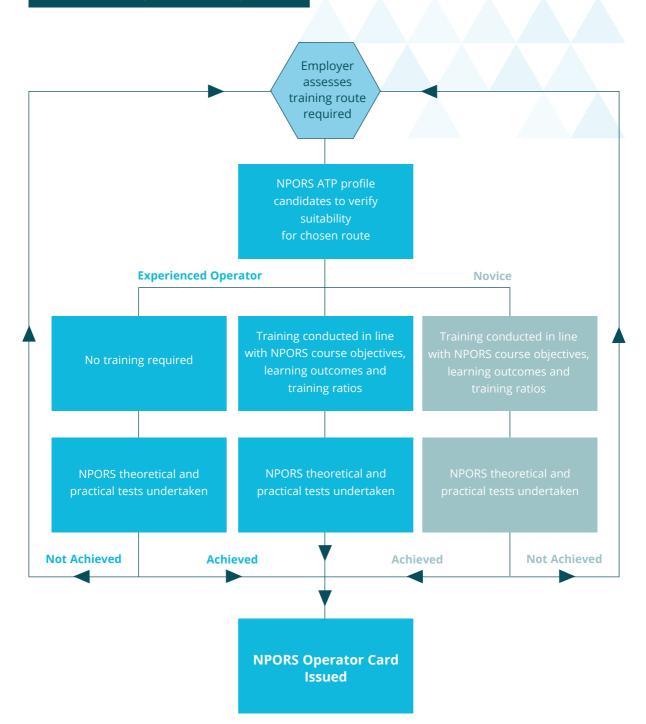
Street Works

Cranes

Earthmoving Machinery

# TRAINING FLOWCHART

### For New & Experienced Operators



# NPORS CATEGORIES

#### LIFT TRUCKS

| Cat No. | Machine Type                          |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| N001    | Industrial Counterbalanced Lift Truck |
| N003    | Reach Lift Truck                      |
| N004    | Lorry Mounted Lift Truck              |
| N009    | Rough Terrain Lift Truck              |
| N010    | Telescopic Handler                    |
| N010A   | Industrial Telescopic Handler         |

#### **ACCESSING EQUIPMENT**

| Cat No. | Machine Type  |
|---------|---------------|
| N108    | MEWP Boom     |
| N109    | MEWP Scissor  |
| N111    | Hoist         |
| N119    | Mast Climber  |
| N706    | Mobile Towers |

#### **CRANES / LIFTING**

| Cat No. | Machine Type                                     |
|---------|--|
| N100    | Excavator as a Crane                             |
|         | (Added on to existing NPORS Excavator card only) |
| N100    | Excavator as a Crane (Novice)                    |
| N107    | Lorry Loader                                     |
| N402    | Slinger / Signaller                              |

#### EARTHMOVING MACHINERY

| Cat No. | Machine Type           |
|---------|------------------------|
| N201    | Excavator 180°         |
| N202    | Excavator 360°         |
| N204    | Forward Tipping Dumper |
| N209    | Loading Shovel         |
| N212    | Skidsteer Loader       |

#### **STREET WORKS**

| Cat No. | Machine Type |
|---------|--------------|
| N214    | Road Roller  |

#### TRANSPORTATION

| Cat No. | Machine Type              |
|---------|---------------------------|
| N029    | Refuse Collection Vehicle |
| N607    | 4 x 4 Off Road Vehicle    |
| N608    | All-Terrain Vehicle       |

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY RELATED COURSES**

| Cat No. | Machine Type             |
|---------|--------------------------|
| N031    | Asbestos Awareness       |
| N133    | Plant Machinery Marshall |
| N403    | Vehicle Marshal          |
| N404    | Safe Working at Height   |
| N703    | Fire Warden              |
| N704    | Manual Handling          |
| N711    | Safe Use of Ladders      |
| N723    | Harness and Fall Arrest  |
| S001    | Safety Awareness         |

#### **SMALL EQUIPMENT**

| Cat No. | Machine Type                       |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| N017    | Abrasive Wheels – Hand Held Petrol |
|         | Driven Cut off Saw                 |
| N301A   | Abrasive Wheels Awareness          |
| N301B   | Abrasive Wheels with Practical     |
|         | Cutting / Grinding                 |
| N302    | Bench Saw                          |
| N303    | Circular Saw                       |
| N304    | Cable Avoidance Tool               |
| N602    | Chainsaw – Maintenance and Cross   |
|         | Cutting                            |
| N603    | Wood Chipper / Shredder            |
| N604    | Grass Cutters / Mowers             |
| N605    | Strimmer / Brushcutter             |
| N606    | Stump Grinder                      |
| N610    | Hand Held Hedge Trimmer            |
| N710    | Cartridge Tools                    |
|         |                                    |

# PRACTICAL TRAINING & ASSESSMENT

### Types of NPORS Card

This is a record of training/assessment an individual has undertaken to prove their ability to safely operate or drive an item of plant machinery or equipment. Registration lasts for three or five years from the date of first initial test. Skills Training Centre will automatically apply for a 5 year card life unless we are advised at the point of booking that a 3-year life is required.

There are three types of NPORS cards:

#### **Traditional NPORS Card**

It is recognised for use by private contractors and a wide range of employers. It does not include a CSCS logo, so you cannot use it for a CSCS-approved plant operator job.

To gain the traditional NPORS card, you do not have to complete the CITB Health, Safety and Environment touch screen test. It is renewable after five years.

#### **NPORS Trained Operator Card**

This has on it the CSCS logo. This means that your card is recognised by CSCS and to get it you must first complete the CITB Health safety and Environment touch screen test successfully. This card is valid for two years.

It is important to note that the Trained Operator card cannot be renewed during the two years validity. It is expected that the operator works towards gaining the necessary NVQ qualification to upgrade it to a Competent Operator Card

#### **NPORS Competent Operator Card**

This has on it the CSCS Logo. This card application is made on completion of a Level 2 NVQ in Plant Operations.

An Upgrade from a Trained Operator card is available, if the operator undertakes the requisite NVQ with the unit credits applicable to the categories of plant stated on their Trained Operator card it lasts five years and can be renewed via NPORS renewal form and log book.

Once a course has been booked, our instructorassessor is then required by the NPORS scheme rules to go through and fully complete the profile sheet with each delegate at the start of the course to ensure that each candidate is on the correct programme before the course starts.

The NPORS/CSCS cards are issued with the CSCS logo and can be verified by the QR code on the card to check the validity of the NPORS card and categories obtained by the operator immediately.

Please note that in all cases, operators will have to supply proof that they have passed the CITB health, safety and environmental touch screen test within two years prior to their application for the NPORS Trained Operator Card or the NPORS Competent Operator card.

#### RENEWALS

An Operator can renew their NPORS card in one of two ways:

1. An employer signs a renewal notification form. This signature is to verify that the operator has maintained a good standard on the category and has been accident free during their employment.

2. Refresher training and testing to be completed for each group of categories

We recommend that refresher training and testing is taken to give you the peace of mind that your operators are still operating the the required standard. It is also an opportunity to iron out any bad habits that they may have picked u over the lifespan of their card.

#### WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you would like to discuss your organisation's Plant training requirements, please contact us on 020 8619 0939 or email info@skillstrainingcentre.co.uk.

We will be happy to explain the requirements of the NPORS scheme and assist you in putting in place a programme that is relevant to your staff and the plant /equipment that they are required to operate.

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### ABOUT US

Our Accreditations Specialist Facilities Legislation / Code of Practice



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