

WINTER SERVICE



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Training Programmes

Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure:

A Code of Practice states the following with regards to training and development for Winter Service:

B.7.6.19. Delivery of a successful Winter Service is dependent on the individual decisions made and actions taken by all those involved. These actions and individual decisions must be supported by adequate training of the staff and operatives involved.

B.7.6.20. To ensure appropriate level of competence, the training and development needs of all personnel should be established and reviewed annually, including health and safety and appropriate vocational qualifications. Training should then be provided where appropriate before the Winter Service season.

Skills Training Centre offers a comprehensive range of training and assessments for Winter Service. We are now offering the Winter Service Operations qualification under the LANTRA accreditation as an option as well as the City and Guilds Winter Service 6159.

We can also provide training and assessment for Winter Service operational supervisors.

LANTRA AWARDS WINTER SERVICE OPERATIONS

The LANTRA scheme ensures that operators of winter service vehicles have knowledge and understanding of relevant Health and Safety and related legislation and that drivers of winter service vehicles receive the necessary training and assessment on the vehicles they use.

This means that your staff are assessed according to national standards, with Highways England and the National Assembly of Wales both accepting the new LANTRA scheme. The award provides LANTRA certification and a card for drivers which are both valid for a period of 5 years.

This award provides another option and can potentially provide significant savings on certification fees, which we believe makes it an attractive and cost effective alternative for our clients.

CITY & GUILDS 6159: WINTER SERVICE OPERATIONS QUALIFICATION

The City & Guilds qualification ensures that your staff are assessed to nationally agreed standards. The award has been specifically developed for winter maintenance staff responsible for supervision, driving and operation of winter service vehicles and snowploughs: The qualification assesses your skills and ability in preparing and operating winter services vehicles and equipment. Successful candidates will be eligible to obtain a NEREO operative

or supervisor's qualification registration card, endorsed with the appropriate category, valid for a five-year period.

In order to achieve the award, an operative must pass Unit 680 (Health & Safety) and at least one of the following practical units: 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 640, 650, 660 or 670.

Units 690, 616, 617 & 618 cover vehicles with ploughs only that do not have spreader units, e.g. a tractor with plough mounted but no trailed spreader unit.

The supervisory unit, Unit 621, is specifically aimed at those who supervise the front-line operations. The course content includes an overview of the decision making requirements to ensure supervisors know how information is gathered to plan any actions to treat the highway.

QUALIFYING FOR LANTRA OR THE CITY & GUILDS AWARDS

These schemes have been specifically developed for winter maintenance staff responsible for the driving and operation of:

1. Highways Agency winter service vehicles and snow blowers
2. Local authority/contractor winter service vehicles and snow blowers
3. National Assembly for Wales winter service vehicles and snow blowers
4. Supervisors responsible for front line winter service operations

Table 1 overleaf lists the units for each of the categories above and shows both the LANTRA and City & Guilds equivalents for each one.

WINTER SERVICE CATEGORIES

Relevant City & Guilds and LANTRA Scheme Units

Winter Service Operations, Vehicle, Spreading Categories	City & Guilds 6159: Winter Service Operations Qualification units	LANTRA Winter Service Operations units
Winter service operations health and safety	680	WSO 01 WSO 01/OL
Prepare and operate winter service vehicles and equipment up to 3500kg: to include agricultural tractors.	611	WSO 02
Prepare and operate winter service vehicles and equipment from 3500kg to 7500kg: medium LGV	612	WSO 03
Prepare and operate winter service vehicles and equipment over 7500kg: large LGV.	613	WSO 04
Prepare and operate Highways Agency dedicated winterservice vehicles	615	WSO 04
Prepare and Operate Welsh Ministers Owned Dedicated Winter Service Equipment	640	WSO 05
Prepare and operate Highways Agency dedicated Rolba 400 or 1000 series snow-blower	650	WSO 05
Prepare and operate dedicated snow-blowers	660	WSO 05
Prepare and operate de-mountable snow-blower	670	WSO 05
Winter service supervision & monitoring	621	Not offered under LANTRA scheme

Winter Service Operations, Vehicle, Snowplough Categories (no spreader)	City & Guilds 6159: Winter Service Operations Qualification units	LANTRA Winter Service Operations units
Winter service operations, vehicle and snowplough health and safety	690	WSO 01 WSO 01/OL
Vehicles under 3,500KG, including agricultural tractors	616	WSO 02
Vehicles from 3,500kg to 7,500kg	617	WSO 03
Vehicles over 7,500kg	618	WSO 04

The certificate and/or card awarded upon successful completion will show one or more of the following endorsements which details the specific equipment used on the training/assessment programme.

N.B. some endorsements are only applicable to certain practical units.

Endorsement/Equipment Indicator	City & Guilds 6159: Winter Service Operations Qualification units	LANTRA Winter Service Operations units
Spreader – fixed/demountable	111	Available*
Spreader – towed	212	Available*
Snowplough angle/vee blade	313	Available*
Brine application	414**	Available*
Operate Chemical de-icer	717**	N/A

* shown on the Operator Record

** only applicable to Unit 613 - Unit 615 National Highways practical unit includes Brine Application as part of the main assessment

*** this is an optional endorsement for Unit 740 only

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

Skills Training Centre staff can run Winter Service training and assessment programmes nationwide on your site with your own vehicles/equipment.

EXPERIENCED STAFF

If you have experienced staff who have a record of formal practical training and are fully familiar with the Winter Service equipment they are going to be driving, they will be able to complete the programme in two days: Health & Safety day and the practical assessment day.

NEW OR INEXPERIENCED STAFF

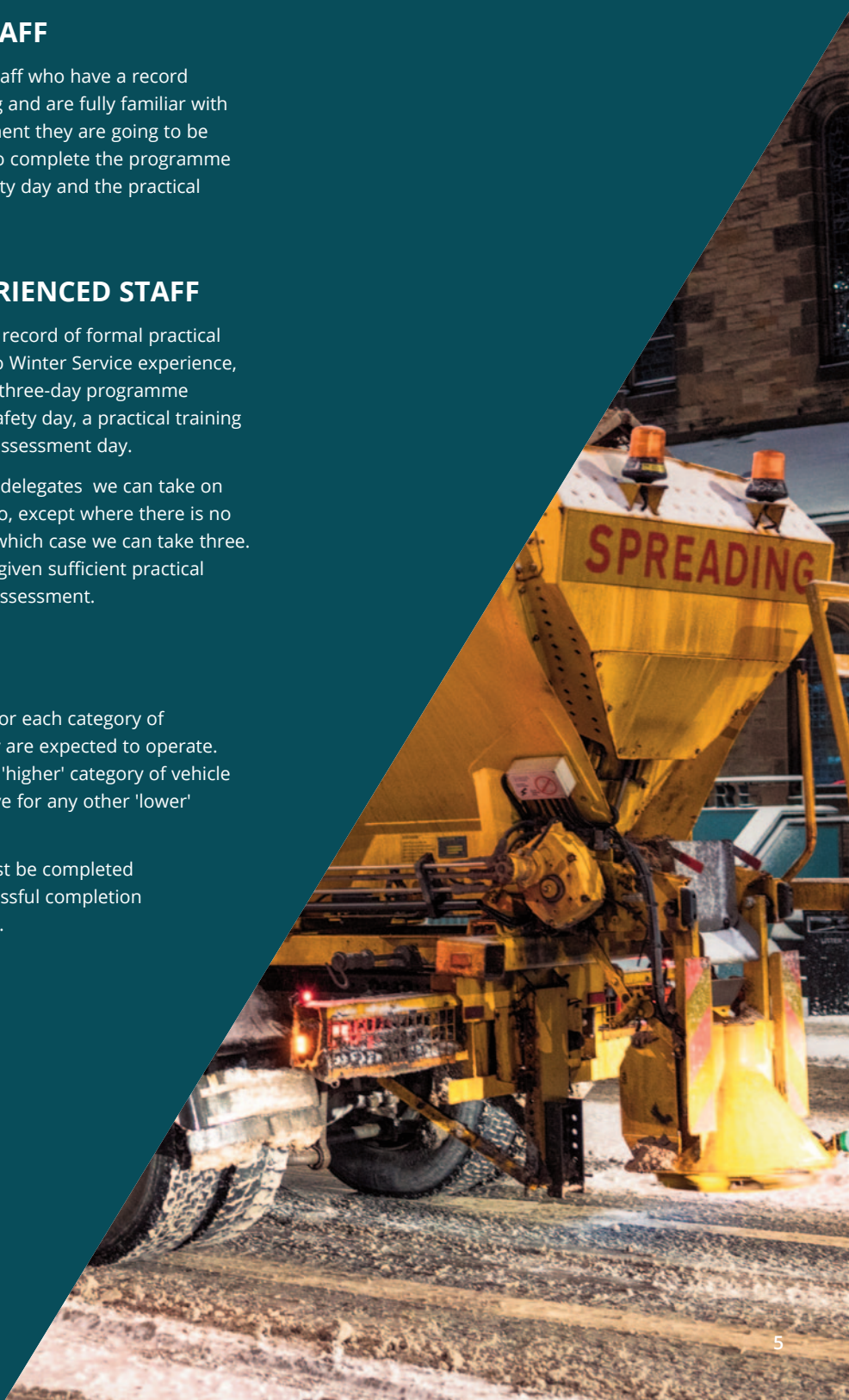
If your staff do not have a record of formal practical training or have limited/no Winter Service experience, they will need to attend a three-day programme consisting of a Health & Safety day, a practical training day, and then a practical assessment day.

The maximum number of delegates we can take on a novice training day is two, except where there is no plough to be included, in which case we can take three. This is to ensure staff are given sufficient practical experience prior to their assessment.

IMPORTANT

Staff should be assessed for each category of winter service vehicle they are expected to operate. Certificates awarded for a 'higher' category of vehicle will not cover the Operative for any other 'lower' categories.

Practical assessments must be completed within 12 months of successful completion of the Health & Safety day.



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Courses

HEALTH & SAFETY
CITY & GUILDS : UNIT 680
LANTRA : WSO 01

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The Health and Safety Unit is mandatory and must be successfully completed before undertaking any other Unit. This applies to both experienced operatives needing re-assessment to re-new their registration, and to new or inexperienced operatives who are going through the programme for the first time.

COURSE CONTENT

- ▶ Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- ▶ Management of Health & Safety at Work regulations
- ▶ Provision and Use of Work Equipment regulations
- ▶ Personal Protective Equipment regulations
- ▶ Manual Handling regulations
- ▶ Noise at Work regulations
- ▶ First Aid at Work regulations
- ▶ Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations
- ▶ Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences regulations
- ▶ Winter maintenance risk assessment
- ▶ Working practices
- ▶ Drivers' duties and pre-start checks
- ▶ Drivers' hours and working hours
- ▶ Use of de-icing materials on the highway
- ▶ De-icing operations
- ▶ Emergency procedures
- ▶ Snow clearing at level crossings
- ▶ Snow ploughing
- ▶ Loading plant
- ▶ Vehicle familiarisation
- ▶ Plough fitting – theory

WINTER SERVICE OPERATIONS SUPERVISION
AND MONITORING
CITY & GUILDS : UNIT 621

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This unit is specifically aimed at those who supervise the front-line operations.

COURSE CONTENT

- ▶ Current Health & Safety Legislation relating to winter service operations
- ▶ Operators checks and defect reporting
- ▶ Winter service vehicles and equipment
- ▶ Rates of spread for de-icing materials
- ▶ Use of de-icing materials
- ▶ Emergency procedures
- ▶ Drivers' hours and working time
- ▶ Environmental considerations
- ▶ Terminology
- ▶ Winter Service Policy
- ▶ Contents of a Winter Service Policy
- ▶ Winter service operational planning, monitoring and review
- ▶ Methods used in decision making
- ▶ Qualifications available for Winter Service Operations
- ▶ Use of data logging

RENEWAL OF ALL UNITS

Re-qualification is required every 5 years.

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Related Training

DRIVER CPC

STC can offer a DCPC variant of the Winter Service Health and Safety day which will enable those attending and eligible to derive 7 hours towards their DCPC card. Please ask at the point of enquiry if interested as this cannot be claimed retrospectively and needs to be pre-booked as such.

TELEHANDLER/SHOVEL TRAINING

Shovel/telehandler operatives who load winter service vehicles need to hold a valid plant card specific to the piece of equipment he/she is required to operate. At STC we can offer this training and assessment through our NPORS or EORS accreditations. Please ask at the point of enquiry if interested.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

STC run Winter Service and NPORS plant training courses nationally. If you would like to discuss your organisation's Winter Service or Plant training and assessment requirements please contact us by using any of the following:

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select Option 2 when prompted

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