

The aim of this course is to provide delegates with the knowledge and practical skills needed to safely operate a Skid Steer Loader. This course includes theory and practical elements, with tests being conducted on each.



Objectives

By the end of the course, delegates should be able to:



- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the industry and their roles and responsibilities as an operator
- Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the machine and how to operate it safely
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the manufacturer's handbook
- Locate and identify the major components and controls of the machine and explain their functions
- Explain the loading/unloading procedures for machine transport
- Conduct all pre-operation checks
- Conduct all necessary safety checks at the work area
- Safely mount and dismount the machine
- Configure the machine for travel then move off and stop safely
- Manoeuvre the machine safely when laden and unladen, over varying terrain and rough ground, in open and confined areas and on inclines
- Extract differing types of materials from stockpiles and other sources
- Form stockpiles of segregated materials and construct (temporary) ramps
- Sort and place materials into transporting vehicle and hoppers
- Backfill, spread and level ground and materials
- Fit, adjust and/or remove attachments
- Carry out all end of shift and shut down procedures.

Duration



The duration of the course depends on the experience level of the delegates attending. Typically, these are:

- 3 Day - Novice Course
- 2 Day - Experienced Worker Course (*experienced but no previous certification, includes training*)
- 1 Day - Experienced Worker Tests (*experienced but no previous certification, no training provided*)
- 1 Day - Refresher Course (*to renew a Traditional NPORS Operator Card*).



Attendee Numbers

A maximum of 3 delegates can attend the novice, experienced worker or refresher course. A maximum of 6 delegates can attend for experienced worker tests.



Location

This course can take place at our training centre in Bo'ness, West Lothian or at a location of your choice, using your machine, subject to onsite requirements.



Certification

NPORS Operator Card (Traditional) – Valid for 3 years.

NPORS CSCS Operator Card (Construction Industry) – Valid for 2 years (non-renewable).



Progression

(Traditional) Card - Operators are advised to complete a 1 Day NPORS Refresher Course every 3 years.

(Construction Industry) Card - Operators are required to complete a Vocational Qualification (VQ) within 2 years and upgrade to an NPORS Competent Operator Card. This card is then renewed every 5 years.



Other Information

Operators are also required to pass the relevant CITB Health, Safety & Environmental test within the two years prior to application for the (Construction Industry) Operator or Competent Operator Card.