

COURSE INFORMATION LEAFLET

RTITB Telescopic Materials Handler (Telehandler) - Novice Operator



In a nutshell

The Telescopic Materials Handler (often known as a "Telehandler") operator training course will give you the skills to operate the lift truck safely and efficiently, carry out a pre-use inspection, and recall and explain the causes of lift truck and load instability.

Telescopic Materials Handlers are widely used across the construction and agricultural industry due to their versatile nature and ability to move loads of all shapes and sizes. The machines are typically more versatile than a smaller Counterbalance fork lift truck due to its upwards and forwards reach ability, and increased lifting capacity.

Upon successful completion you will be awarded with an RTITB accredited licence, valid for 3 years.

This course is available as part of a Personal Learning Account (PLA). PLA is an initiative from the Welsh Government which offers people the chance to access free, part-time courses with flexible and convenient learning that fits around their existing lifestyle (subject to eligibility).



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This course is for...

- ... those aged 19 +, living in Wales, employed, and earning less than £32,371 per year
- ... anyone seeking a career within the industrial, construction or agricultural industries, where telescopic handlers are used regularly

Course content

The Novice Operator training course is completed over 5 days.

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

Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the machine and how to operate it safely Locate and identify the major components and controls of the machine and explain their functions

Explain the factors that affect truck stability and identify how to maintain stability of the truck and load

Explain the dangers of overloading the truck and demonstrate how to prevent overloading Conduct all pre-operation checks

Conduct all necessary safety checks at the work area

Manoeuvre the machine safely when laden and unladen, over varying terrain and rough ground in open and confined areas and on inclines

Carry out lifting and load handling tasks, using a load-out tower (scaffolding) and/or a road vehicle

Fit, adjust and/or remove attachments

Carry out all end of shift and shut down procedures

You will be required to pass a theory test and practical operator assessment to successfully complete the course.

Entry Requirements

A basic level of English reading and writing skills.

Safety boots are advised, but not mandatory. As some training is completed outdoors you are advised to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.





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Additional information

The PLA programme intends to provide quality career advice and guidance to participants before, during and after their learning.

Prior to being enrolled onto your PLA funded course, a individual learning plan will be discussed with you to ensure that the right learning has been considered.

This will include a general discussion on the following topics:

formal education or qualifications in related fields prior experience within the industry or field career aspirations dedication of time required

This will also include specific discussion on the below areas for this course:

career aspirations in gaining licence to enhance job prospects previous experience of forklift trucks previous training or certificate obtained in this area

