



IPAF Platform Operators

(Mobile Vertical 3a & 3b)

1a & 1b available on request

Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPS) are used across all sectors to provide temporary working platforms at height. Most incidents and injuries are caused by operator error

Course Overview

Platforms are designed to be easy to use and offer a safe way to work at height. With basic training you will be able to use the equipment more effectively and safely. This course instructs an operator how to prepare and safely operate various types of MEWPs including scissor lifts, boom lifts (3a & 3b), trailer mounted or truck mounted platforms (1a & 1b).

Upon the successful completion of IPAF training and assessment, candidates of the course will receive a PAL (Powered Access Licence) Card, demonstrating competence in the preparation and use of the relevant machine(s).

Course Syllabus

This course covers the following subject matter:

- Awareness of different types of MEWPs
- Safe operation and limitations of use
- Pre-use checks, inspection and function tests
- Planning the route before operating the MEWP; travelling the route and manoeuvring the MEWP
- Selection and use of fall arrest equipment; emergency descent systems; harness and lanyard anchor points
- Basic operational practice
- Achievement testing
- Dangers of fuelling/charging
- SWL and limiters
- Guardrails and inbuilt safety features
- Log book issue and inspection recording
- Overview of regulations and guidance
- Environmental and ground conditions
- Course review and close

Course type options:



Tailored



Open

frequently asked questions...

The Course

Course Delivery	This course is available as a Tailored or Open course
Accreditation	IPAF/PAL
Course Length	1 day (maximum of 2 machines per day)
Start / Finish Times	9.00am – 4.00pm
Maximum Group Size	6
Tailored to Specific Requirements	Yes - please provide at the booking stage
Course Material	Handouts are provided on the day

Certification

Is there an Assessment?	Written examination and a practical assessment
Are certificates issued?	Yes – PAL (Powered Access Licence) and certificate
Valid for?	5 years
When / how are they available?	Available to access from the NUK website following external verification

The Delegates

Prior Knowledge / Prerequisites	Must have good understanding of written and verbal English. Must be physically fit and in good health. A basic understanding of working at height – beneficial, but not essential
Delegate to provide	Safety helmet, safety footwear, gloves and high visibility vest/jacket

The Venue

Course Location	Dedicated Training Centre or Now u Know Training Centre
Venue Requirements	Please inform us of any mobility concerns
Non-NUK Venues	Must have adequate space, seating, lighting, welfare, 240v socket and an external area for practical demonstrations, where applicable
Refreshment at NUK Venues	Available on request

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