

Winter Service Operations

Duration:

1 Day for Unit 680: Health and Safety

1 Day for each category of winter service vehicle they are to operate

Group Size:

Maximum 8 delegates

Who should attend?

Experienced Staff

If you have experienced staff, they will need to attend a one-day training and assessment programme for unit 080: Health and Safety. This is followed by an assessment day using a winter service vehicle appropriate to the category being assessed

New or Inexperienced Staff

If you staff have little or no winter service experience, they will need to attend a one day training and assessment programme for unit 680: Health and Safety. This will be followed by a 1 day training programme using the vehicle that they will be required to operate for the assessment. Training is followed by an assessment day using a winter service vehicle appropriate to the category being assessed

Course Aims:

This award is aimed at Winter Service Operators and staff responsible for the direct supervision and operating of:

- Highways Agency vehicles and snow blowers
- National Assembly for Wales winter service vehicles and snow blowers
- Local Authority vehicles and snow blowers
- Supervisors responsible for the frontline operations.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the training and assessment the delegates will have an understanding of:

- Health & 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
- The Health & Safety (safety, signs and signals) regulations
- Winter maintenance risk assessment
- Working practices
- Duties of driver and pre-start checks
- Use of driver and pre-start checks
- Use of de-icing materials on the highway
- Emergency procedures
- Snow ploughing
- Loading plant
- Vehicle familiarisation
- Plough fitting - theory

Course Content:

The qualification is divided into various categories of winter service vehicles. In order to qualify for the award, an operative must pass Unit 080: Health and Safety and at least one other unit. In order to qualify for the award, a supervisor must pass Unit 021: Winter Service Supervision and Monitoring.

Safety Unit

680 – Winter Service Operations Health and Safety (compulsory for operatives)

Operative Units

611 - Prepare and operate winter service vehicles up to 3500kg (including tractors)

612 - Prepare and operate winter service vehicles 3500kg to 7500kg

613 - Prepare and operate winter service vehicles over 7500kg Large LGV

614 - Prepare and operate Highways Agency Equipment (Foden 4000 series)

615 - Prepare and operate Highways Agency dedicated winter service vehicles

640 - Prepare and operate National Assembly for Wales dedicated winter service vehicles

650 - Operate snow blower (Rolba 400 or 1000) – Highways Agency / National Assembly for Wales

660 - Operate snow blowers – dedicated

670 - Operate snow blowers – demountable

Endorsements for Units 011, 012 & 013 only

111 - Spreader fixed

212 - Spreader towed

313 - Plough angle blade / Vee Blade

Supervisor Unit

621 - Winter Service Supervision and Monitoring

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Certification:

On successful completion of the required Certificate Pathway Routes (CPR's) and when a certificate has been received, candidates will be eligible to obtain a NEREO operative or supervisor's registration card, endorsed with the category that the candidate has been successfully assessed for.

All 6159 certificates issued, and Registration cards will only be valid for 5 years from the date of successful completion of a full qualification

NB: Delegates who are qualified in a higher category vehicle are not automatically qualified to drive lower category vehicles. Delegates should be assessed for each category of winter service vehicle they are expected to operate

