

CPCS Hoist (A20)

Accreditation	CPCS
Course duration	2-3 Days depending on experience
Certificate valid for	2 years

Who should attend

This course is aimed at people who require a formal qualification for operating a Hoist.

We will conduct a learner analysis to identify the duration of training required for those with limited or no experience, whereas experienced operators can attend a two-day experienced worker course.

Course information

Course content

Through a combination of targeted training and experience, an individual with the hoist will be able to:

- Describe the nature of the sector of industry and their role and responsibilities as an equipment operator
- Name the types of hoists, and explain the purpose of the principal components, basic construction, controls and terminology of each
- Conform with manufacturer's requirements as per the operator's manual, other types of information sources and relevant regulations and guidance
- Explain hoist working limitations
- Carry out all pre-use checks
- Undertake running checks, including gates and safety devices, before placing into service
- Check the stability, systems and alignment and ensure the hoist is safe to use
- Check that hoist-way protection is in position before use
- Check the capacity of the hoist will accommodate expected loads, equipment and/or passengers
- Carry out full emergency lowering and evacuation procedure (Endorsements B & D)
- Explain precautions to be taken for overhead services and other proximity hazards
- Prepare the hoist for the required load(s) and/or passengers
- Identify suitability and integrity of loads for transporting and compatibility with the cage
- Load and unload a range of materials using suitable handling methods for each load type
- Explain the loading and unloading procedures for varying types of loads
- Explain the procedures and actions to be taken when transporting people (Endorsements B & D)
- Operate the hoist to the end of travel and to various landing levels, both loaded and unloaded
- Comply with signals and instructions
- Place the hoist in an out-of-service condition, isolate and secure

Entry requirements

Learners must have passed the Operatives Health, Safety and Environment Test within the last 2 years, prior to course start date.

Good understanding of spoken and written English.

Assessment

Mixture of classroom-based teaching and practical exercises, followed by one day assessment - CPCS technical tests.

Certification

Learners will receive a Red CPCS Trained Operator Card on passing the CPCS technical tests, valid for two years.

After gaining on-site experience, you must complete an NVQ level 2 within two years to apply for the blue CPCS Competence Card which is renewable every five years.

More details

Grants and Funding

Grants against the cost of your CPCS training and testing are available for eligible employers. For further information please visit the [CITB Grant page](#).

We can provide construction SMEs with less than 250 employees with free level 2 construction NVQs through our Skills Support for the Workforce programme, funded by the European Social Fund. Please contact us for the regions that are currently eligible, this is for a limited time only.