

NPORS • CATEGORY N140

COMPACT CRANE

COURSE OVERVIEW

Compact cranes, often called mini or spider cranes, fit through standard doorways and set up in tight spaces where a full-size crane could never reach. They're used for glazing, steel erection, plant room installations and lifting materials inside buildings. Their small footprint means setup, ground conditions and the lift plan all have to be right every time. This course gives you the training, testing and recognised card you need to operate one safely and legally.

ACCREDITATION	DURATION	CARD VALIDITY	LOCATION
NPORS Category N140 Compact Crane	Novice course 5 days Experienced worker 1 day Refresher On request	NPORS Traditional 5 years Red Trained Operator 2 years	Nationwide Max 3 candidates per instructor

Whether you're brand new to compact cranes or have operated one for years, there's a route for you: a full 5-day novice course, a refresher course (with proof of previous certification) or an experienced worker test.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Anyone who operates, or needs to operate, a compact or mini crane in construction, glazing, steel erection, building services or facilities maintenance. It's particularly well suited to:

- ✓ New operators looking to get their first compact crane card
- ✓ Experienced operators who need a recognised card for site or workplace compliance
- ✓ Glaziers, steel erectors, cladders and M&E installers who lift materials in confined spaces
- ✓ Employers who need their team certified to meet client or insurer requirements

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good working understanding of spoken and written English.

RED CARD (CSCS LOGO) ONLY

The CITB Operatives Health, Safety & Environment (HS&E) Touchscreen Test, passed within the last 2 years. Not taken it yet? We can help you book it.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Everything from pre-use checks and setting up an exclusion zone to lifting safely and shutting down, so you can operate confidently from the start of your shift to the end. By the end, you'll be able to:

- ✓ Understand the risks of the industry and your responsibilities as an operator
- ✓ Use the manufacturer's handbook for the compact crane you're operating
- ✓ Identify the main components and key controls and explain what they do
- ✓ Set up an exclusion zone in line with the lift plan and risk assessment
- ✓ Select and maintain the right PPE for compact crane work
- ✓ Carry out pre-use and running checks in line with manufacturer and legal requirements
- ✓ Prepare the compact crane for use and operate it safely and efficiently
- ✓ Understand the environmental considerations of compact crane work
- ✓ Carry out end-of-work and shutdown procedures

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

5 DAYS NOVICE ROUTE

Days 1–4 cover classroom theory and hands-on practical training on a compact crane. On day 5, you'll sit the NPORS theory and practical tests. With a maximum of 3 candidates per instructor, you'll get plenty of time on the machine.



1 DAY EXPERIENCED WORKER ROUTE

For operators with substantial, recent compact crane experience. You'll go straight to the NPORS theory and practical tests with no training element, so you'll need to be confident operating without support.



YOUR CARD: GETTING IT, RENEWING IT, UPGRADING IT

Pass both tests and you'll receive one of the three cards below. They all cover the N140 Compact Crane category.

NPORS TRADITIONAL CARD VALID 5 YEARS

GETTING IT

No HS&E touchscreen test needed.

RENEWING

No NVQ required. After 5 years, retake the test or submit a renewal form to NPORS.

RED TRAINED OPERATOR CSCS LOGO · VALID 2 YEARS

GETTING IT

Only available if you've passed the CITB Operatives HS&E touchscreen test within the last 2 years.

UPGRADING

Can't be renewed like-for-like. Complete the Level 2 NVQ in Plant Operations – Compact Crane and hold a touchscreen test passed in the last 2 years to upgrade to Blue. It's worth starting early.

BLUE COMPETENT OPERATOR CSCS LOGO · VALID 5 YEARS

GETTING IT

Upgrade from the Red card by completing the Level 2 NVQ in Plant Operations – Compact Crane.

RENEWING

Every 5 years: complete a logbook of your operating experience, hold a valid operatives touchscreen test (within the last 2 years) and submit a renewal form.

READY TO BOOK?

Check availability, get a quote, or secure your place on the next available course date. Our team will get back to you within one working day.

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