

NPORS · CATEGORY N405

CRANE / LIFT SUPERVISOR

COURSE OVERVIEW

Once a lift has been planned, someone has to make sure it's carried out exactly as the plan says. That's the job of the crane/lift supervisor, who controls the lifting operation on the ground, directs the slinger/signallers and operator, and stops the lift if conditions change. The NPORS N405 Crane/Lift Supervisor course gives you the training, testing and recognised card you need to supervise lifting operations safely and legally.

ACCREDITATION	DURATION	CARD VALIDITY	LOCATION
NPORS Category N405 Crane / Lift Supervisor	Novice course 3 days Refresher course 1 day Refresher requires proof of previous certification	NPORS Traditional 5 years Red Trained Operator 2 years	Nationwide Max 6 candidates per instructor

Whether you're stepping into a supervisory role for the first time or you're an experienced lift supervisor who needs to renew, there's a route for you: a full 3-day novice course or a 1-day refresher course.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Anyone who supervises, or needs to supervise, lifting operations on construction, civil engineering, industrial or infrastructure sites. It's particularly well suited to:

- ✓ Experienced slinger/signallers stepping up into a supervisory role
- ✓ Site supervisors, foremen and engineers who oversee crane and lifting work
- ✓ Experienced lift supervisors who need a recognised card for site compliance
- ✓ Employers who need a competent lift supervisor to meet LOLER, client or principal contractor requirements

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good working understanding of spoken and written English.

RED CARD (CSCS LOGO) ONLY

The CITB Supervisors 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

From checking lifting equipment to supervising loads into place. By the end, you'll be able to:

- ✓ Understand the risks of the industry and your responsibilities as a crane/lift supervisor
- ✓ Identify different types of lifting equipment and accessories, and explain how they're made and what they're used for
- ✓ Find and use information from the relevant documentation
- ✓ Explain and demonstrate the different communication methods used during lifts
- ✓ Explain how to take faulty items out of service
- ✓ Explain how RCI and anti-collision systems work and use the information they provide
- ✓ Explain the setting up, erection, levelling and dismantling requirements for different types of lifting equipment
- ✓ Set up exclusion zones, plan for emergencies and identify overhead hazards
- ✓ Identify hazards and unsafe lifting practices in different lifting scenarios
- ✓ Check that loads and lifting accessories are secure, balanced and sound
- ✓ Supervise the movement of loads to different locations using different methods of communication
- ✓ Explain how environmental factors and conditions outside the lift zone can affect the lift
- ✓ Carry out out-of-service and securing procedures

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

3 DAYS NOVICE ROUTE

Days 1–2 cover classroom theory and practical training in supervising lifting operations. On day 3, you'll sit the NPORS theory and practical tests. With a maximum of 6 candidates per instructor, there's plenty of time to work through real lifting scenarios.



1 DAY REFRESHER ROUTE

For lift supervisors who already hold a valid or recently expired N405 card. It refreshes your knowledge of current legislation and good practice before you sit the NPORS tests.



YOUR CARD: GETTING IT, RENEWING IT, UPGRADING IT

Pass both tests and you'll receive a Traditional or Red card for category N405. The Red card can be upgraded to Blue.

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 Supervisors HS&E touchscreen test within the last 2 years.

UPGRADING

Can't be renewed like-for-like. Complete the Level 4 NVQ Diploma in Controlling Lifting Operations – Supervising Lifts and hold an operatives 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 4 NVQ Diploma in Controlling Lifting Operations – Supervising Lifts.

RENEWING

Every 5 years: complete a logbook showing your lift supervision 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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