DYNAMIC
TRAINING & ASSESSMENTS

NPORS ACCREDITED

NPORS · CATEGORY N726

QUICK HITCH AWARENESS

COURSE OVERVIEW

Quick hitches let excavator and plant operators change buckets and attachments in seconds, but an attachment that isn't properly locked on can fall without warning. Incidents involving dropped buckets have caused deaths and serious injuries on UK sites, which is why quick hitch awareness is now expected by most principal contractors. The NPORS N726 Quick Hitch Awareness course gives you the knowledge, testing and recognised card you need to use quick hitches safely and correctly.

ACCREDITATION	DURATION	CARD VALIDITY	LOCATION
NPORS	Course **1 day**	NPORS Traditional **5 years**	**Nationwide**
Category N726 Quick Hitch Awareness	Experienced worker **1 day**	No HS&E touchscreen test needed	Max 10 candidates per instructor
	Refresher **On request**		

Whether you're new to quick hitches or you've been changing attachments for years, there's a route for you: a 1-day course, a refresher course (with proof of previous certification) or an experienced worker test.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Plant operators who use, or need to use, quick hitches to change attachments on excavators and other plant. It's particularly well suited to:

- Excavator operators who change buckets and attachments using a quick hitch
- Newly qualified plant operators adding quick hitch awareness to their skills
- Experienced operators who need a recognised quick hitch qualification for site compliance
- Employers who need their operators trained to meet client or principal contractor requirements

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A good working understanding of spoken and written English.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Everything from pre-use checks to changing attachments and confirming they're secure, so you can use a quick hitch confidently and safely. 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 quick hitch you're using
- Identify the main components of the quick hitch and explain what they do
- Select and maintain the right PPE for quick hitch use
- Explain the different types of quick hitch
- Carry out pre-use checks in line with manufacturer and legal requirements
- Carry out safety checks at the designated changeover area
- Fit and remove attachments safely and efficiently
- Carry out and explain checks to make sure attachments are secure
- Carry out end-of-shift and shutdown procedures

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

1 DAY NOVICE ROUTE

The day covers classroom theory and hands-on practical training with a quick hitch, and at the end of the day you'll sit the NPORS theory and practical tests. With a maximum of 10 candidates per instructor, you'll get plenty of time on the machine.

DAY 1 — THEORY & PRACTICAL TRAINING | NPORS TESTS

Training NPORS tests

1 DAY EXPERIENCED WORKER ROUTE

For operators with substantial, recent experience of using quick hitches. 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.

DAY 1 — THEORY & PRACTICAL TESTS

NPORS tests

YOUR CARD: GETTING IT AND RENEWING IT

Pass both tests and you'll receive the NPORS Traditional Card, covering the N726 Quick Hitch Awareness 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.

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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