DYNAMIC
TRAINING & ASSESSMENTS

NPORS ACCREDITED

NPORS · CATEGORY N209

LOADING SHOVEL

COURSE OVERVIEW

In quarries, recycling yards, aggregate depots, earthworks and farms, the loading shovel keeps material moving, loading lorries and hoppers, building stockpiles and clearing ground. Whether it's a wheeled loader or a tracked loader, it's a big, powerful machine working in busy yards alongside lorries, other plant and people on foot, so poor visibility and careless operation can quickly lead to collisions. The NPORS N209 Loading Shovel course gives you the training, testing and recognised card you need to operate one safely and legally.

ACCREDITATION	DURATION		CARD VALIDITY		LOCATION
NPORS	Novice course	**5 days**	NPORS Traditional	**5 years**	**Nationwide**
Category N209 Loading Shovel	Experienced worker	**1 day**	Red Trained Operator	**2 years**	Max 3 candidates per instructor
	Refresher	**On request**			

Whether you're brand new to loading shovels or you've been driving 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 loading shovel in construction, civil engineering, quarrying, recycling, waste management or agriculture. It's particularly well suited to:

- New operators looking to get their first loading shovel card
- Experienced operators who need a recognised card for site or workplace compliance
- Quarry, yard and depot staff who load lorries and manage stockpiles
- 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 to loading, stockpiling 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 loading shovel you're operating
- Identify the main components and key controls and explain what they do
- Carry out pre-use checks in line with manufacturer and legal requirements
- Select and maintain the right PPE for loading shovel work
- Carry out safety checks at the work area
- Prepare the loading shovel for use and operate it safely and efficiently
- Understand the environmental considerations of loading shovel work
- Store and transport implements and attachments correctly
- Understand how the loading shovel itself is loaded and unloaded for transport
- Carry out end-of-shift and shutdown procedures

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

5 DAYS NOVICE ROUTE

Days 1–4 cover classroom theory and hands-on practical training on a wheeled or tracked loading shovel. 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.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5

Training · NPORS tests

1 DAY EXPERIENCED WORKER ROUTE

For operators with substantial, recent loading shovel 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.

DAY 1 — THEORY & PRACTICAL TESTS

NPORS tests

YOUR CARD: GETTING IT, RENEWING IT, UPGRADING IT

Pass both tests and you'll receive a Traditional or Red card for category N209. 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 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 – Loading Shovel 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 2 NVQ in Plant Operations – Loading Shovel.

RENEWING
Every 5 years: complete a logbook showing 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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