DYNAMIC
TRAINING & ASSESSMENTS

NPORS ACCREDITED

NPORS · CATEGORY N212

SKIDSTEER LOADER

COURSE OVERVIEW

Skid steer loaders are compact, nimble machines that can turn on the spot, making them ideal for tight sites, landscaping jobs, demolition, farms and yards. With the right attachment, from buckets and pallet forks to sweepers, augers and breakers, one machine can do the work of several. Whether it's wheeled or tracked, though, a skid steer's quick, sensitive controls, limited visibility and work alongside people on foot mean it needs a properly trained operator. The NPORS N212 Skidsteer Loader course gives you the training, testing and recognised card you need to operate one safely and legally.

ACCREDITATION	DURATION	CARD VALIDITY	LOCATION
NPORS Category N212 Skidsteer Loader	Novice course **3 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 skid steers or you've been operating one for years, there's a route for you: a full 3-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 skid steer loader in construction, groundworks, landscaping, demolition, agriculture or industrial settings. It's particularly well suited to:

- New operators looking to get their first skid steer card
- Experienced operators who need a recognised card for site or workplace compliance
- Landscapers, groundworkers, farm workers and yard staff who move materials in tight 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 to working with attachments 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 skid steer loader 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 skid steer work
- Carry out safety checks at the work area
- Prepare the skid steer loader for use and operate it safely and efficiently
- Understand the environmental considerations of skid steer work
- Store and transport implements and attachments correctly
- Understand how the skid steer loader itself is loaded and unloaded for transport
- Carry out end-of-shift and shutdown procedures

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

3 DAYS NOVICE ROUTE

Days 1–2 cover classroom theory and hands-on practical training on a wheeled or tracked skid steer loader. On day 3, 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 skid steer 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 a Traditional or Red card for category N212. 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 – Skid Steer Loader 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 – Skid Steer Loader.

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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