DYNAMIC
TRAINING & ASSESSMENTS

NPORS ACCREDITED

NPORS · CATEGORY N243

SHUNTER VEHICLE

COURSE OVERVIEW

In distribution centres, ports, logistics hubs and manufacturing sites, shunter vehicles (often called yard shunters or terminal tractors) move trailers between loading bays, parking areas and gatehouses all day long. Busy yards, tight reversing manoeuvres, coupling and uncoupling trailers and people on foot all make shunting a high-risk job if it's done badly. The NPORS N243 Shunter Vehicle course gives you the training, testing and recognised card you need to operate one safely and legally.

ACCREDITATION

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Category N243 Shunter Vehicle

DURATION

Novice course	**4 days**
Experienced worker	**1 day**
Refresher	**On request**

CARD VALIDITY

NPORS Traditional	**5 years**
Red Trained Operator	**2 years**

LOCATION

Nationwide

Max 3 candidates per instructor

Whether you're brand new to shunting or you've been driving a shunter for years, there's a route for you: a full 4-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 shunter vehicle in logistics, distribution, warehousing, ports or manufacturing. It's particularly well suited to:

- New operators looking to get their first shunter card
- Experienced shunter drivers who need a recognised card for workplace compliance
- Yard staff, warehouse operatives and HGV drivers who move trailers on site
- 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 coupling, moving and uncoupling trailers, 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 shunter vehicle you're operating
- Identify the main components and explain what they do
- Carry out pre-use checks in line with manufacturer and legal requirements
- Select and maintain the right PPE for shunter work
- Carry out safety checks at the work area
- Prepare the shunter vehicle for use and operate it safely and efficiently
- Attach and set up trailers ready for moving
- Understand the environmental considerations of shunter work
- Move and uncouple trailers and attachments safely
- Carry out end-of-work and shutdown procedures

HOW YOU'RE ASSESSED

4 DAYS NOVICE ROUTE

Days 1–3 cover classroom theory and hands-on practical training on a shunter vehicle. On day 4, 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 shunter 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 N243. 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 relevant Level 2 NVQ 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 relevant Level 2 NVQ.

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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