

Introduction to the New Yellow Card Training Program

As of the 1st of July 2013 the Elevating Work Platform Association of Australia (EWPA) has launched their new “EWP Operator Licence - Yellow Card.” It has been developed in line with and is mapped directly to Nationally Recognised Training (NRT) “RIIHAN301B-Operate elevating work platforms.” Additional to the NRT unit, specific industry content has been added to further enhance skills and knowledge.

Course Overview

This one (1) day training program is designed for people who wish to or are required to develop the skills and knowledge needed to operate elevated work platforms. Participants may complete singular or multiple machine classes, according to the type of work they will be undertaking. Machine classes are: Vertical Lift (VL), Scissor Lift (SL), Self Propelled Boom (BL), Trailer Mounted Boom (TL), and Truck Mounted Boom (TM)

Purpose

Federal legislation states; that an employer must provide any information, training, instruction or supervision that is necessary to protect all persons from risks to their health and safety arising from work carried out as part of the conduct of the business or undertaking. WHS Act 2011: Division 2:19.3

Since 1987 the Elevating Work Platform Association of Australia (EWPA) has provided operator training throughout Australia known as the “Yellow card” training program. Providing this type of training has assisted owners, employers and operators to meet their responsibility under the OHS & WHS Acts where a high risk work licence is not required.

Note:

If you require the use of a boom-type elevated work platform with a height or reach of 11 metres or more, you must hold a valid National Licence to Perform High Risk Work class WP, issued by a Work Health and Safety Regulator.

RIIHAN301B - Operate Elevated Work Platform is appropriate for those working in an operational role at worksites within:

- Civil construction
- Coal mining
- Drilling
- Extractive industries
- Metalliferous mining

EWPA Accredited Trainers

To register for a course with an EWPA Accredited Trainer you can book online and search for training providers online. <http://yellowcard.ewpa.com.au/yellowcard/courses>

All EWPA Accredited Trainers (ATs) hold a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and will deliver the course in accordance with the EWPA Code of Practice. The AT will submit training records to the EWPA who in turn approve and produce the yellow card which is posted to the trained operator.

Prerequisites

This training program has no pre-requisite units

Age Requirement

Participants should be 18 years of age. Operating restrictions apply for those under 18 years of age.

Course Outline

Participants will gain theoretical knowledge and practical skills in:

- Hazard identification, risk assessment and controls
- Fall arrest harness inspection, fitting and use
- Identify safe operating parameters using data plate and manual
- Conduct pre and post operational checks
- Operation of EWP
- Emergency procedures
- Theory assessment and practical observation and demonstration

Outcome

Upon successful completion of the course your record of training is processed by the EWPA and you will receive an EWP Operator Licence with the proof of training and your photograph on the card. You will be able to apply for a Statement of Attainment for RIIHAN301B-Operate Elevated Work Platform. Please advise your Accredited Trainer if you require a Statement of Attainment to be issued as there is additional paperwork to complete. An interim record of training from the EWPA will be emailed to you on the day of training and this can be used when operating machinery until you receive the yellow card. The EWP Operator Licence Yellow card will be processed and posted to your home address. Please let the EWPA know if you have not received your card within 60 days of training. After 60 days you will have to pay \$30 for the card to be reissued, but if you let us know within that timeframe, we can reissue it free of charge

Duration

Approximately 6 hours (depending upon class size and prior knowledge and experience)

Class size

Classes are limited to 10 people. For larger groups you will need to contact the Accredited Trainer who will arrange for more than one Trainer to be made available.

Fees and Charges

EWPA Accredited Trainers manage their own pricing, but as a guideline the EWPA recommends a course fee of \$400.