

1. Are there legal requirements I have to comply with?

Yes. The planning and control of lifting operations is governed by the “Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998” commonly known as LOLER. Powered work equipment is governed by the “Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations”, commonly known as PUWER. Both of these regulations apply to cranes and lifting equipment, and must be adhered to, in conjunction with one another. For a better understanding, see our **LOLER & PUWER Regulations 1998 Management Awareness Course**.

2. Who sets the standards?

Standards for crane operations and training are set by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in their published guidance and Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEAA) Code of Practice. BS7121 also gives guidance for mobile cranes.

3. How can I be sure of compliance?

Our own accreditations and procedures to ensure compliance are as follows:

- We are members of LEEA and comply to their standards.
- We are accredited to ISO 9001:2008 Quality Procedures, independently audited by LRQA (Lloyds Register) to guarantee standards, review and record keeping to meet all published standards.

By completing one of our courses, you can be assured that your employees have been assessed and certified by a qualified person under the legal requirements.

4. What will I gain by attending a course?

In addition to all the required knowledge and competency in the specific area, certificates and licences are provided following completion of all courses. Additional Photo ID Cards (credit card style) can also be provided at a small additional cost.

5. I've been told I must have CITB Tickets. Is this true?

False. The CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) is one of many registration schemes. These schemes are not a legal requirement, are often industry specific and may not be technically relevant to the type of work you carry out.

6. How often should I undertake appropriate training?

The gap between training periods is not fixed by law and is dependent on risk and differing job requirements. A gap of 2 to 3 years is common industry practice. Older schemes with 5 year periods may not meet modern risk assessment requirements.

7. Where will the training take place?

The majority of courses can take place on your premises. This ensures that the delegates learn the required skills and knowledge within the context of where they will need to utilise these skills. Alternatively, you can make use of our facilities at the SCX Academy in Sheffield.

8. My people are trained and undertake these tasks every day, why do they need more training?

Even trained and experienced operators need to be re-assessed from time to time to reduce any risk. This means either:

- a. Your company can do it if you are competent, have the systems to record it and are willing to take on the risk,
- OR
- b. We do it for you.

