



QCF Unit and Assessment Specification

Unit title	Preparing and Operating Scissor-type Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP) in the Workplace
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SQA Unit code	FC9L 66
SSC Ref	VR 392A

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Title:	Preparing and Operating Scissor-type Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP) in the Workplace	
Level:	2	
Credit value:	12	
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>	
1 Interpret the given information relating to the use of scissor-type MEWPs to access areas to carry out the work.	1.1	Interpret and extract information from drawings, specifications, schedules and manufacturers' information.
	1.2	Comply with information and/or instructions derived from risk assessments and method statements.
	1.3	State the organisational procedures developed to report and rectify inappropriate information and unsuitable resources and how they are implemented.
	1.4	Describe different types of information, their source and how they are interpreted in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ drawings, specifications, schedules, manufacturers' information, method statements and regulations and guidance applicable to accessing operations.
2 Organise with others the sequence and operation in which accessing operations using scissor-type MEWPs are to be carried out.	2.1	Organise the work according to given information or instructions.
	2.2	Describe how to communicate ideas between team members.
	2.3	Organise and communicate with team members and other associated occupations.
	2.4	State how to organise resources prior to and during accessing operations.
3 Know how to comply with relevant legislation and official guidance to carry out accessing operations with scissor-type MEWPs.	3.1	Describe their responsibilities under current legislation and official guidance whilst working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ in the workplace, below ground Level, at height, in confined spaces, with tools and equipment, with materials and substances, with movement/storage of materials and by manual handling and mechanical lifting.

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	<p>3.2 Describe the organisational security procedures for tools, equipment and personal belongings in relation to site, workplace, company and operative.</p> <p>3.3 State what the accident reporting procedures are and who is responsible for making reports.</p>
<p>4 Maintain safe working practices when preparing for and carrying out accessing operations using scissor-type MEWPs.</p>	<p>4.1 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) to safely carry out the activity in accordance with legislation and organisational requirements during accessing operations.</p> <p>4.2 Explain why and when personal protective equipment (PPE) should be used, relating to accessing operations, and the types, purpose and limitations of each type.</p> <p>4.3 State how emergencies should be responded to in accordance with organisational authorisation and personal skills when involved with fires, spillages, injuries and other task-related hazards.</p>
<p>5 Request and select the required quantity and quality of resources to prepare for and carry out accessing operations using scissor-type MEWPs.</p>	<p>5.1 Describe the characteristics, quality, uses, limitations and defects associated with the resources, and how they should be used correctly, relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ consumables, lubricants and fuels ◆ attachments and accessing discharging aids ◆ hand tools, ancillary equipment and/or accessories. <p>5.2 Request and select resources associated with scissor-type MEWPs in relation to consumables, materials, attachments, tools, accessories and/or ancillary equipment.</p> <p>5.3 State how the resources should be used correctly, how problems associated with the resources are reported and how the organisational procedures are used.</p> <p>5.4 Outline potential hazards associated with the resources and method of work.</p> <p>5.5 Describe how to calculate quantity, weight, length and area associated with the method/procedures to carry out accessing operations.</p>

Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>
6 Minimise the risk of damage to the work and surrounding area when accessing work areas using scissor-type MEWPs.	6.1 Protect the work and its surrounding area from damage.
	6.2 Minimise damage and maintain a clean work space.
	6.3 Describe how to protect work from damage and the purpose of protection in relation to general workplace activities, other occupations and adverse weather conditions.
	6.4 Dispose of waste in accordance with legislation.
	6.5 State why the disposal of waste should be carried out safely in relation to the work.
7 Complete the work within the allocated time when preparing to and accessing work areas using scissor-type MEWPs.	7.1 Demonstrate completion of the work within the allocated time.
	7.2 Shut down and secure scissor-type MEWPs.
	7.3 State the purpose of the work programme and describe why deadlines should be kept in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ types of progress charts, timetables and estimated times ◆ organisational procedures for reporting circumstances which will affect the work programme.
8 Comply with the given contract information to accessing areas to carry out work using scissor-type MEWPs to the required specification.	8.1 Demonstrate the following work skills when preparing for and accessing work areas using scissor-type MEWPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ fitting, attaching, setting up, securing, adjusting, checking, removing, communicating, operating, manoeuvring, positioning, accessing and setting down.
	8.2 Prepare, position, set up and operate scissor-type MEWPs to access working areas, at various locations, to given working instructions.
	8.3 Describe how to apply safe work practices, follow procedures, report problems and establish authority needed to rectify, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ identify the characteristics of the scissor-type MEWP used for accessing work ◆ carry out performance checks ◆ prepare, set up and adjust for operational requirements ◆ complete functional checks ◆ carry out pre-operational checks for obstructions, stability, safety and security of the work and surrounding area

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ identify the area for accessing ◆ check to avoid damage to structures and utilities service apparatus ◆ access working areas safely and securely ◆ shut down and secure the scissor-type MEWP ◆ use hand tools, ancillary equipment and accessories.
	<p>8.4 Safely use and store hand tools and ancillary equipment.</p>
	<p>8.5 State the needs of other occupations and how to communicate within a team when preparing to and carrying out accessing operations.</p>
	<p>8.6 Describe how to maintain the plant, tools and equipment used to access working areas.</p>

Additional information about this Unit	
Purpose and aim of Unit	The aim of this Unit is to illustrate the skills, knowledge and understanding required to confirm competence in preparing and operating scissor-type mobile elevating work platforms (MEWP) accessing operations in the workplace within the relevant sector of industry.
Unit expiry date	31/10/2014
Details of the relationship between the Unit and relevant national occupational standards or other professional standards or curricula (if appropriate)	This Unit is based on the National Occupational Standards 'Prepare Plant or Machinery for Operational Performance' (VR 386) and 'Operate Plant or Machinery for Accessing' (VR 392)
Assessment requirements or guidance specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	<p>This Unit must be assessed in a work environment and in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ the Additional Requirements for Qualifications using the title NVQ in QCF ◆ the ConstructionSkills' Consolidated Assessment Strategy for Construction and the Built Environment — Craft, Supervisory, Technical, Managerial and Professional Units and Qualifications with NVQ in the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) title and SVQs. <p>Assessors for this Unit must use a combination of the following assessment methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ observation of normal work activities within the workplace that clearly confirms the required skills ◆ questioning the learner on knowledge criteria that clearly confirms the required understanding ◆ review other forms of evidence that can clearly confirm industry required skills, knowledge and understanding. <p>Assessors for this Unit must have verifiable, current industry experience and a sufficient depth of occupational expertise and knowledge of preparing and operating scissor-type mobile elevating work platforms (MEWP) to be effective and reliable when confirming a learner's competence.</p> <p>Workplace evidence of skills cannot be simulated.</p>
Support for the Unit from a sector skills council or other appropriate body (if required)	ConstructionSkills
Location of the Unit within the subject/sector classification system	05.2 Building and Construction

Additional information about this Unit	
Name of the organisation submitting the Unit	ConstructionSkills
Availability for use	Shared Unit
Unit available from	01/09/2010
Unit review date	30/04/2011
Credit value	12
Unit guided learning hours	40

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Assessment (evidence) Requirements

The evidence requirements for this Unit are shown in the main body of the Unit under the section titled 'Assessment requirements or guidance specified by a sector or regulatory body'.

Guidance on Instruments of Assessment

Occupational Skills (OS) Unit

This Unit is designed to assess the skills of learners in the workplace. Observation of learner performance can only be carried out on-the-job and should always be the primary and preferred source of evidence of competent performance.

Collection of supplementary evidence of performance can be used to further substantiate, support and expand the evidence base for competent performance where this is necessary. This may arise in situations where evidence from direct observation of the learners on-the-job is deemed insufficient to fully meet the required standards. Supplementary evidence may include:

- ◆ witness testimony
- ◆ questioning,
- ◆ professional discussion,
- ◆ product and photographic evidence,
- ◆ relevant active documentation, reports, presentations and
- ◆ other valid evidence which relates directly to learner performance on-the job.

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