



SA023 - BANKSMAN (GROUND SUPPORT PERSON FOR ELEVATING PLATFORM AND MOBILE ELEVATING WORK PLATFORM) SPECIFICATION



Introduction

This qualification covers 1 (one) module:

Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform

This qualification provides learners with an essential foundation in relevant matters of providing Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform. It is suitable for learners who are looking to work or already work in the construction or utilities industries. This accreditation sets out the skills, knowledge and understanding to support the operator to manoeuvre an EP or an MEWP in a restricted space and working at height.

This qualification tests learners' knowledge, skills and understanding of dangers associated with these types of machines. The actual vehicles / machines may vary depending on the type, size and manufacture of the vehicle / machine and associated control equipment; therefore, the accreditation is generic and provides overall extent of safety requirements. The actual operation should be in line with the manufacture's operator handbook, and the user should be trained to use the specific vehicle / machine.

Key Information	
Name	SA023 - Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform
Accreditation	This qualification is approved by: • Industry accreditation SA023
Level	2
Duration	1 day
Guided Learning Hours	7
Total Qualification Time	9
RQF - Ofqual Credit -Credit value represents the size of a unit which is determined by the learning time. One credit = 10 hours of notional learning.	1
Age	16 Plus
Qualification Type	Vocationally Related Qualification
Smart Awards Product Area	Safety Qualifications
Sector Subject Area	6.1 – Digital technology (practitioners)
Certification	This qualification is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of certificate issue. To remain compliant and eligible to work on telecommunications networks, individuals must renew their qualification before the expiry date.
Network Operative Passport Scheme (NOPS)	This qualification is fully aligned with the requirements of the Network Operative Passport Scheme (NOPS). Successful completion of this qualification is recorded within the NOPS system, ensuring operatives are

	visible and verifiable to employers and site access systems across the industry.
Prerequisites and Entry Requirements	There are no formal entry requirements and Smart Awards will not restrict access on the grounds of prior academic attainment, employment, geographic location, or any other grounds. There are no barriers that restrict access or progression, thereby promoting equality. It is expected however that learners will have a level of literacy adequate to cope with both the theory and practical assessments. Please Note: Operating such vehicles / machines requires an individual needs to hold the appropriate driving license as defined by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency and must hold an appropriate awarding body regulated accreditation for operating an EP / MEWP. For those working on the highway, the New Roads, and Street Works Act 1991(NRSWA) requires at least one person on site to hold a Street Works card to work on the highway. This Smart Awards accreditation is based on a pre-requisite that any work on the highway requires appropriate Street Works accreditation to be held by an individual working on site, and that this individual is qualified to check that the planned provision of footways, traffic lanes and safety zones determined by the site survey meets with the requirements of the site location and approved procedures and practices required by the NRSWA 1991. Some companies' policies may vary where more than one person on site is required to hold a valid Street Works card,
Mandatory units and optional routes to completion.	Learners must complete the Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform unit in full to achieve this qualification. No optional units or routes are available.
Additional requirements to achieve this qualification.	None
Methods of Assessment	This qualification will be assessed through a practical and theory test. The aim of the assessment is to ensure successful learners have adequate knowledge and understanding of working as a Banksman and ground support person when utilising an EP or a MEWP. Assessment guidance, assessor requirements and additional qualification documentation is supplied to approved Smart Awards centres via Quartz.
Theory test	Learners are required to pass a 15-question multiple-choice test, with questions randomly selected from a secure question bank to ensure comprehensive coverage of all assessment criteria. The test is timed, and learners will have 20 minutes to complete it. All multiple-choice tests are conducted online via the Smart Awards online assessment platform.

Practical assessment	During the practical assessment, the learner will demonstrate adequate knowledge and understanding of the hazards potential risks involved in using an EP or a MEWP. The learner will have 30 minutes to complete the practical assessment.
Grading	Learners will be graded (Fail or Pass) on an achievement or non-achievement basis. The final grade will be determined by collective performance in the two assessment tools (theory and practical). Learners are required to achieve both the theory and practical assessments to achieve the qualification. • Theory - To achieve a pass, 80% or more is required. • Practical - If one major fault is given the learner will automatically fail. • Learners must receive fewer than six minor faults to pass the practical assessment. If there are major health and safety failures due to learners' actions or understanding, the assessment MUST be stopped. The learner should be taken to a suitable area to be explained the reason for stopping the assessment and that his assessment is deemed as failed. Guidance on the major failures that should result in stopping the assessment is provided in the practical assessment.
Reasonable adjustments and special considerations	Smart Awards approved centres that have learners with specific requirements should refer to the Smart Awards Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy and Procedure. This document outlines the support available to ensure fair access to assessments. It can be found on the Smart Awards website at www.smartawards.co.uk
Recognition of Prior Learning	Smart Awards is committed to supporting Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and has established a dedicated policy and set of procedures to guide and assist approved centres in its implementation. The full policy is available on the Smart Awards website at www.smartawards.co.uk
Required resources and site requirements for delivering this Qualification	To ensure a safe and effective learning and assessment environment, the following site requirements must be met for the delivery of the SA023 Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform: • A safe area suitable for operating and checking the operation of the EP / MEWP. The site must provide access to classroom or indoor facilities for the delivery of theoretical content and the completion of the online multiple-choice assessment.

Qualification Structure

The Level 2 Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform qualification consists of one mandatory unit, which learners must complete to achieve the qualification. Attainment at Level 2 demonstrates the learner's ability to apply relevant knowledge, skills, and procedures to carry out clearly defined tasks and resolve straightforward problems with appropriate direction or supervision.

Smart Awards level 2 Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform								
Minimum TQT for this pathway = 9 Minimum number of credits = 1 Minimum number of units = 1				Minimum number of GLH = 7 Minimum number of assessment time = 1 Other learning time = 2				
Unit Number	Unit title	Level	M/O	GLH	ASS	OTHER LEARNING	TQT	CREDITS
	Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform	2	M	7	1	2	9	1

Learner Support and Assessment Conditions

Learners will have access to support throughout the training period via their trainer. Trainers are responsible for ensuring that each learner is adequately prepared and competent before presenting them for assessment.

No support or assistance may be given to the learner during either the theory or practical assessments, to maintain the integrity and validity of the qualification.

Qualification objectives and requirements

This qualification confirms that the learner has demonstrated the required competence to work safely as a Banksman and Ground Support Person. To successfully obtain this qualification, the learners will need to demonstrate the knowledge and ability requirements set out in the learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

Unit Title:	Banksman – Ground Support Person for Elevating Platform and Mobile Elevating Work Platform.
Unit Level:	2
Unit Credit Value:	
Unit Reference Number:	SLSSfL4: Manoeuvre the vehicle in restricted spaces
Overview	This standard is for persons providing ground support / banksman duties for an EP or MEWP Operator. This unit sets out the skills, knowledge and understanding to support the Operator to manoeuvring EP or a MEWP in any restricted space from the ground safely
Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria

The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Know how to identify a safe and suitable space for the manoeuvre and identify recognised hand-signals from banksman	1.1 State the dimensions of the machine, and its handling characteristics 1.2 State the clearances necessary for the machine during different activities 1.3 State how to identify a safe and suitable space for manoeuvring 1.4 Outline the types of banksman's signals 1.5 Outline the types of hand-signals received from banksman in restricted spaces
2. Know the types of equipment used and the controls to operate the platform safely	2.1 Outline the dimensions of the machine, and its handling characteristics 2.2 State the types of PE and MEWP machines 2.3 Describe how to operate the machine from the ground level
3. Know how to assist the operator to manoeuvre the machine to maintain the safety of yourself and others	3.1 State how to ensure the safety of yourself and others 3.2 State the type of hazards that could occur during manoeuvring 3.3 Outline the dangers of overhead plant including power cables
4. Be able to direct the operator to manoeuvre the machine safely	4.1 Carry out safe direction of the machine 4.2 Direct the operator to manoeuvre the machine in a restricted space ensuring the safety of others in the vicinity of the operations.
5. Know the requirements to comply with the organisation's procedures and all relevant legal, safety and operating requirements	5.1 Outline the relevant legal, safety and operating requirements. 5.2 Outline the company emergency procedures including reporting and communications requirements