CITY & GUILDS NPTC LEVEL 2 AWARD IN FOREST MACHINE OPERATIONS – SKIDDER (QCF) 600/9107/1



QUALIFICATION GUIDANCE

Independently Assessed

Essential Qualification Information

Not to be used by the Candidate during Assessment

You will require some of this information to accurately complete the Record of Assessment (ROA)

Qualification Group No	0 0 2 0	Forestry and Arboriculture Level 2
Qualification Programme No	0 0 2 0 - 2 0	Award in Forest Machine Operations - Skidder
Unit	2 1 3	Prepare and operate a Skidder
Learning Time (LT)	2 1 3	LT 35 (4 Credits) (* see note on page 2)
Endorsement(s)	0 0 1	Line
	0 0 2	Grapple
Recommended Assessment Duration		1 – 2 hours per Candidate
Pre-Requisite Units	2 0 8	Base Machine

City and Guilds NPTC Level 2 Award in Forest Machine Operations - Skidder (QCF) Qualification guidance

Introduction

The scheme will be administered by City & Guilds

City & Guilds will:

Publish - Scheme regulations

- Qualification guidance
- Training material
- Trainers support material

Approve centres to co-ordinate and administer the scheme Set standards for the training of verifiers and assessors Recruit, train and deploy verifiers Manage verification Issue certificates to successful Candidates

The Qualification

The qualification will be awarded to candidates who achieve the required level of competence in the units to which their certificate relates.

What is the Qualifications and Credits Framework?

OFQUAL have introduced the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) to increase flexibility for learners and employers. Qualifications may be built up from individual units according to rules of combination. The units are derived from the National Occupational Standards, which are compiled by Lantra SSC, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based industries.

Instruction

Attendance at a course of instruction is not a pre-requisite for an application for an assessment but potential Candidates are strongly advised to ensure that they are up to the standards that will be expected of them when they are assessed.

* Learning Time (LT)

Learning Time (LT) is a better indicator of the time requirement needed for a candidate to achieve competence in this qualification. It has replaced Guided Learning Hours (GLH) which are defined as "tutor or teacher led hours". LT is defined as "a notional measure of the learning time a typical learner might be expected to take to complete and achieve all learning outcomes". It takes into account prior learning and encompasses: formal learning (including classes, tutorials, on line tuition), coaching and mentoring, practical work, relevant IT activity, information retrieval, expected private study and revision, work-based activity which leads to assessment, practice to achieve competence, formative assessment, programme planning and feedback.

Access to Assessment

Assessment centres will be responsible for arranging assessment on behalf of the Candidate.

The minimum age limit for Candidates taking Certificates of Competence is 16 years. There is no upper age limit.

The assessment consists of one compulsory unit:

Unit 213 Prepare and Operate a Skidder

Outcomes

- 1. Be able to work safely (1)
- 2. Be able to operate the skidder (2)
- 3. Know relevant health and safety legislation and industry good practice (3)
- 4. Know how to operate the skidder (4)

Candidates must successfully achieve all assessment activities in the above unit.

Endorsement: The assessment may be taken on a machine with any type of:

001 Line skidder002 Grapple

The certificate will be endorsed accordingly.

Only two endorsements can be taken in any one registration.

Quality Assurance

Verification is a process of monitoring assessment; it is an essential check to confirm that the assessment procedures are being carried out in the way City & Guilds has laid down. The overall aim of verification is to establish a system of quality assurance that is acceptable in terms of both credibility and cost effectiveness.

Approved Assessors will be subject to a regular visit by the verifier at a time when assessments are being undertaken.

A selection of assessment reports completed by the Assessor will be evaluated by a City & Guilds approved verifier.

Compliance with the verification requirements is a pre-requisite for Assessors remaining on the list of approved Assessors.

After assessment has been completed the Qualification Guidance is to be forwarded to the centre and retained by the centre until after the annual centre visit has taken place by a Quality Systems Consultant (QSC).

Performance Evaluation

The result of each assessment activity is evaluated against the following criteria:

- Met Meets or exceeds the assessment criteria by displaying a level of practical performance and/or underpinning knowledge. If the Criterion has been MET, a tick ☑ is to be put in the box provided in the bottom right-hand column of each section.
- NM = Not Met Does not satisfy the requirements of the assessment criteria, being unable to perform the practical task satisfactorily or safely or being deficient in underpinning knowledge. If the Criterion is NOT MET, a cross is to be put in the box provided in the bottom right-hand column of each section.

Appeals and Equal opportunities

Centres must have their own auditable, appeals procedures. If a Candidate is not satisfied with the examination conditions or a Candidate feels the opportunity for examination is being denied, the Centre Manager should, in the first instance, address the problem. If, however the problem cannot be resolved, City & Guilds will arbitrate and an external verifier may be approached to offer independent advice. All appeals must be clearly documented by the Centre Manager and made available to the external verifier or City & Guilds if advice is required.

Should occasions arise when centres are not satisfied with any aspect of the external verification process, they should contact Verification Services at City & Guilds.

Access to the qualification is open to all, irrespective of gender, race, creed, age or special needs. Subject to H&S restrictions the Centre Manager should ensure that no learner is subjected to unfair discrimination on any grounds in relation to access to assessment and to the fairness of the assessment. QCA requires City & Guilds to monitor centres to check whether equal opportunities policies are being adhered to.

Validation of Equipment

A Manufacturer's instruction book or operator's manual should be available for the Candidate to use during the assessment if required.

Vehicles must comply with department of Transport and road Traffic acts where relevant.

Any appropriate item of machinery complying with current legal requirements is acceptable for the assessment, provided it is suitably equipped for all assessment activities to be carried out.

Additional Information

May be sought from the relevant manufacturer's operator manuals or any other appropriate training or safety publication.

Questions should be related to the background or employment aspirations of the candidate and, where possible, product labels used should be representative of products typically used in that sector or industry.

Candidates who undertake this assessment and have met the requirements are reminded of their legal obligation to receive/undertake appropriate additional training in the use of any equipment that differs from that used during the assessment, but which they are nevertheless qualified to use.

Assessment Guidance for the Assessor

This qualification can only be assessed by an Assessor who is suitably qualified and meets the requirements of the awarding body. The Assessor must be independent and cannot have been involved with the training of the Candidate. Please see City & Guilds Centre Manual for guidance.

The Candidate is to be notified of the place and time of assessment and when formal assessment commences and ceases.

Assessors are reminded that assessment is a formal process and that assessment must be carried out using this Qualification Guidance. All relevant assessment criteria must be assessed against the criterion as specified in the Qualification Guidance. Assessment will be carried out by direct observation and by oral questioning of the Candidate. Where a specific number of responses are required theses may include other suitable answers not specified if they are deemed to be correct by the Assessor. The performance of the Candidate is to be recorded on the Qualification Guidance as directed by completing the tick boxes. Space has been provided on the Qualification Guidance for the person assessing to record relevant information which can be utilised to provide feedback to the Candidate. After assessment has been completed the Qualification Guidance document is to be retained by the assessor and provided if required by a Quality Systems consultant (QSC).

Assessment Guidance for Candidate

A list of registered assessment centres is available from City & Guilds NPTC. (www.nptc.org.uk)

Assessment is a process by which it is confirmed that the candidate is competent in the unit(s) within the award to which the assessment relates. It is the process of collecting evidence about his/her capabilities and judging whether that evidence is sufficient to attribute competence.

The Candidate must be registered through the City & Guilds approved assessment centre for this qualification prior to the assessment.

The results of the assessment will be recorded on the Record of Assessment form (ROA).

The qualification guidance contains criteria relating to:

- Observation of practical performance
- Assessment of underpinning knowledge

Safe Practice:

- 1. Assessors must hold a current 'First Aid at Work' Certificate.
- 2. It is strongly recommended that Candidates hold at least a recent, recognised 'Emergency First Aid' Training Certificate.
- 3. All forest machines used in the assessments must comply with relevant Arboriculture and Forestry Advisory Group (AFAG) Safety Guides
- 4. Candidates should be familiar with the machine that they are going to operate.
- 5. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn at all times.
- 6. A First Aid kit meeting current regulations, of the appropriate size for the number of persons on site, must be available.
- 7. The Assessor must ensure a Risk Assessment is carried out, and sufficient control measures implemented.
- 8. Any necessary permissions must have been granted, and notifications made as appropriate: (e.g. Forestry Commission, Forest Enterprise, Private owners etc).
- All equipment being used for this assessment must comply with relevant requirements of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) 1998 and Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) 1998.
- 10. Information may be sought from the relevant operator manuals or any other appropriate training or safety publication.
- 11. Provision must be made to avoid the risk of environmental pollution and adequate control measures must be implemented. (a suitable response kit to be available on the machine)
- 12. It is the responsibility of the Assessor and the Candidate to ensure that any additional requirements and provisions are met as relevant to this qualification.
- 13. Whenever the Candidate leaves the base machine, the parking brake must be applied.
- 14. When the Base Machine is parked and left unattended, or any attachments/detachments of equipment, must carry out the safe stop procedure.
- 15. The Base Machine must be operated in such a way that the Candidate, Assessor, other persons or equipment are not endangered.
- 16. All ancillary equipment, when detached must be left in a safe and stable condition.
- 17. Candidates must comply with current regulations when working at heights regulations 2005 amended
- 18. The assessment is carried out in accordance with the safety guidelines laid down in Arboriculture and Forestry Advisory Group (AFAG) Safety Guides, Health and Safety publications and current machinery directives.
- 19. A breach of Health and Safety that puts any person at risk during the assessment process will result in the assessment being terminated and the Candidate not meeting the required standard
- 20. Initial tonnage is done on unladen weight

Validation of Equipment:

Any Base Machine complying with industry guidance and European directives is acceptable for the test, provided it is suitably equipped for **all** assessment activities to be carried out. Where a ROPs structure is fitted, an operator seat restraint is in place and functional.

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Candidate A Name:			Date	y:	Start Time:	Dura	ation	1:			
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Candidate D Name:			Date):	Start Time:	Duration:					
CRITERIA NUMBER		ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	ASSESSOR GUIDANCE		ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES					IDAT C	TE D
3.3 3	Outline the emergency planning procedures relevant to the working area CRITERIA GUIDANCE The Candidate to state five factors in emergency planning planning			location name grid reference designated me site location na nearest access street name/distribute type of access suitable helicop phone number location and phaccident and e works manage	ame s point strict pter landing area of nearest doctor none number of nearest mergency hospital r contact details						
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			the machine		access and eg moving parts hot surfaces	gress					

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1.1 cont			Risks				
			• public				
			operator				
			environmentother				
			• Other				
			Met√ Not Met X				
4.0	Use appropriate tools,	Assessor to observe	All tools, equipment and Personal				
1.2	equipment and personal protective equipment	appropriate tools, equipment and PPE are	Protective Equipment are used in line with industry good practice e.g. AFAG/HSE.				
1	(PPE)	used in accordance to	During all on site operations PPE in				
		industry good practice	accordance with industry good practice				
			must be worn.				
		All applicable to the task at hand	Personal Protective Equipment identified could include:				
			safety helmet (if required)				
			hearing protection (where needed)				
			suitable protective glovesprotective boots				
			protective bootsnon snag outer clothing				
			high visibility clothing where risk				
			assessment identifies it				
			hand cleaning materials				
			first aid kit				
			• other				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
3.1	Outline key health and safety legislation and industry good practice	The Candidate to state two relevant points of each of the following:	Outline key points from the legislation listed below:				
3		Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) (1974)	Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) (1974) -				
			general duties for employers and				
			employeesmaintain safe places of work				
			other				
			<u> </u>				
		Provision and Use of Work Equipment	Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER 98) –				
		Regulations 1998	va and leasning				
		(PUWER 98)	record keeping operators adequately trained				
			equipment fit for purpose				
			• other				
		Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous	Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR)				
		Occurrences Regulations	Occurrences regulations 1990 (RIDDOR)				
		1995 (RIDDOR)	reporting of accidents				
			reporting of dangerous occurrences				
		Working at Heights	other Working at Heights				
			adequate precautions taken for safe working precadures.				
			working proceduresany height constitutes working at heights				
			other				

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3.1 cont	CRITERIA	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations (2002)		В		
		(COSHH) Regulations (2002)	correct PPE to be identified				
		(2002)	correct storage and application				
			disposal				
			• other				
		State two sources of industry good practice	Industry Good Practice				
		information	Arboriculture Forestry Advisory Group				
			(AFAG) informationHealth and safety in forestry				
			Forest and water guidelines				
			Operators manual				
		State two factors of lone working	Lone working				
		Working	effective communication system				
			fail to safe system				
			reporting in times				
		State two procedures to be followed when machine	Line contact possible procedures:				
		contacts power line	where possible, drive away to safe area				
			if safe, stay in machine and contact power company/supervisor				
			jump from machine, bunny hop as far as				
			possible				
		State four factors	Power lines				
		regarding working near power lines	designated crossing point (goal posts)				
		F	liaison with power companies				
			site maps				
			AFAG Alectricity of world				
			electricity at workother				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
	Describe the types of	The Candidate to state	Records:				
3.2	records that may be required for	two types of record keeping to meet PUWER	logbook				
3	management and	nooping to moot i o mark	service logbook				
	legislative requirements		time sheet				
			maintenance schedule				
			• other				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
4.4	Francis de a Cuia a	All required	nuts, bolts all present				
4.1	Explain the fitting, condition, operation and		extraction equipment secured to base				
4	control system of the		cracked framereport defects				
	extraction equipment		report defects maintenance records				
2.1	Check fitting, condition,		control system				
	operation and control system of extraction		warning/safety decals				
2	equipment as fitted to		guarding requirements				
	vehicle		oil levels checked (if applicable)				
			• greasing				
			• other				

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4.1/2.1			Either Line skidder				
cont			rope test certificate				
			fair lead rollers/pulleys				
			rope compatible with winch				
			rope condition				
			rope termination				
			extraction system				
			chokering system is compatible				
			chain adjustment and guarding				
			PTO guards				
			clutch adjustment				
			brake adjustment				
			free spool adjustment				
			• other				
			OR				
			Grapple				
			hydraulic tongs				
			hydraulic pipes				
			grapple operation				
			• other				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
	Describe how	Three causes	Environmental damage may be caused by:				
3.4	environmental damage		incorrect storage of fuel and oil				
3	can be caused and minimised		defective machinery				
3			poor work practices plant fund a pillage.				
			oil and fuel spillagesother				
		Three preventions	Environmental damage may be prevented by				
		Timee preventions	following principles of industry good practice				
			good housekeeping				
			appropriately trained operators				
			spill kits are available				
			• other				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
	Describe the correct	The Candidate to state	Disposal of waste from workplace activities may		ш	ш	
3.5	methods for disposing	one method	include				
	of waste		use of designated waste/recycle bins				
3			waste oils placed in approved containers for				
			disposal other				
			• other				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
4.0	Explain the procedure	State six procedures to be	safety belt fastened (if fitted)				
4.2	for woodland driving	followed when driving a line/ grapple skidder	stacking blade/butt plate fully raised (if fitted)				
4		through woodland	choice of gear/engine speed				
			use of differential lock				
		AFAG guides and industry	negotiation of stacks				
		best practice are to be	negotiation of uphill slopes negotiation of downhill slopes				
		referred to for Overhead	negotiation of downhill slopesnegotiation of side slopes				
		hazards	negotiation of side slopesuse of independent brakes				
			overhead hazards				
			other				
			5.1.01				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				

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NOWIDER	Carry out the operation	Use cable drum	ACTIVITIES	Α	В	C	U
2.2	in accordance with the job specification	winch/grapple	position tractor				
2		Sufficient chokering,	Appropriate attachment				
		extraction, unchokering must be assessed	Either				
		covering loading to the capacity of the machine; relating load size to site	Line				
		conditions.	take out winch cable smoothly				
			correct angle/direction of pull				
			sequence of chokering				
			method of attachment				
			choker attached 220mm -300mm (8"-12") from but this and when ground skidding.				
			from butt/tip end when ground skidding if hooked choker is used, the opening should				
			face away from the direction of pull				
			surplus slack in chokers adjusted using				
			approved method to maintain ground clearance when load is held against tractor				
			butt plate				
			appropriate butt plate pulley selected (if				
			applicable)concise instructions to winch operator				
			tension cable				
			winch in load				
			correct use of remote controls where				
			applicable				
			safety of operator OR				
			Grapple				
			assemble load to optimum capacity of				
			equipment				
			economy of movement				
			ability to extract timber butt or tip first				
			position and alignment of grapple				
		Transport load to	correct transport height Transportation				
		Transport load to conversion/stacking site	Transportation				
			load position				
			avoidance of obstacles and damage to standing crop				
			engine speed				
			gear selection				
			stability of vehicle				
		Detach load	Load detachment				
			presentation of extracted material for				
			subsequent operations				
			parking brake appliedstacking blade lowered (if fitted)				
			Either	J			
			Wineh				
			Winchrelease tension, avoiding over run, of the				
			winch rope				
			detach chokering system				

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2.2 cont			OR Grapple • tongs lowered and opened Timber retrieval Either				
		Use winch to retrieve timber from behind an obstacle (Line only)	Line appropriate strop appropriate pulley appropriate anchor point appropriate shackle risk zones identified maximum angle of pull OR				
			Grapple N/A				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
	Explain alternative		Alternative methods may include	屵	屵	H	屵
4.3 4	methods of chokering to the one used, where appropriate		polypropylenechainswire ropeother				
			Mat / Nat Mat V				
	Manoeuvre the machine		Met ✓ Not Met X • full safe stop procedure, hand brake on,	닏	닏	H	닏
2.3 2	on site in a safe and effective way		gears in neutral, key removed and placed in pocket dismount safely				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
	Explain the procedure	One required from	Self recovery:				
4.4	for debogging	self recoveryother vehiclepowered/ hand winch	 selection of equipment choice of anchor for debogging direction of winch rope through pulley correct gear engaged use of hand throttle correct winching/driving techniques vehicle stability equipment re-stowed on vehicle after use Other vehicle:				
			 selection of equipment appropriate attachment point choice of anchor for debogging direction of winch rope through pulley correct gear engaged use of hand throttle correct winching/driving techniques vehicle stability equipment re-stowed on vehicle after use 				

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4.4 cont			Powered or hand winch:				
			selection of equipment				
			 choice of anchor for debogging 				
			direction of winch rope through pulley				
			correct gear engaged				
			use of hand throttle				
			correct winching/driving techniques				
			vehicle stability				
			equipment re-stowed on vehicle after us				
			Met ✓ Not Met X				
1.3	Work in a way which maintains health and safety and is consistent	Assessor to observe	All activities must be completed in a way which protects the operator and those around them.				
1	with relevant legislation and industry best practice		Met ✓ Not Met X				
1.4	Carry out work to minimise environmental damage	Assessor to observe	It is ensured that any possible environmental damage is minimised at all times during on site operations				
1			Met ✓ Not Met X				

Summary of Assessmer	t (The As	sessor is to	complete the	following as	appropriate)
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Candidate A	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓			
	Signed: D	ate:					
Candidate B	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓			
	Signed: D	ate:					
Candidate C	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓			
	Signed: D	ate:					
Candidate D	Candidate has met all of the assessment criteria	Tick ✓	The Candidate has not met all of the assessment criteria; (state reason(s))	Tick ✓			
	Signed:	Date:					
For (Int	use by Internal Verifier ONLY if the assessment process was in ernal Verifier to complete ONE of the boxes below)	nternally	v verified				
I ob and	eserved an assessment process taking place and I am satisfied the I that the judgement of the Assessor was appropriate.	at the a	ssessment was conducted in line with the qualification requirements	Tick ✓			
I observed an assessment process taking place. The following were noted as areas of concern.							
Signed: Date:							