

# IPAF Advanced Operator PAL+



**Course Duration: 1 Day**

**IPAF's well-recognised PAL operator course is certified by TUV as conforming to the international standard ISO 18878 and approximately 100,000 people are trained each year. The PAL operator course meets all requirements for basic operator training. Now there is an extra '+' for those wanting to go further. Operators looking for more advanced and extensive training can opt to take the one-day PAL+ course.**

## **Aim and Objectives:**

IPAF PAL+ is an optional, additional one day of category-specific training aimed at operators working in higher risk or challenging environments e.g. steelwork, net rigging, work in confined overhead spaces and work on challenging terrain.

The PAL+ course is intended to be more advanced, challenging and extensive than the IPAF PAL operator course.

On successful completion of this course candidates will have demonstrated their ability to operate powered access equipment safely and effectively in challenging work environments and will be able to;

- Be aware of the importance of attitude and behaviour to working at height
- Be aware of the importance of checking a risk assessment against the actual site
- Be aware of the implications of siting the machine in different positions
- Drive the MEWP safely and manoeuvre the machine as required, to correctly position and carry out the required tasks in a range of difficult and challenging scenarios

## **Course Content:**

- Introduction and house keeping
- Pre-course theory test
- Compact theory session
- Practical training; using large machines e.g. minimum 10m working height scissor lift and minimum 15m working height boom
- Challenging practical exercises; including demonstrating controlled operation amongst obstacles including confined overhead spaces and at ground level
- Theory test (open book)
- Practical test
- Individual interview testing candidates understanding

## **Machine Categories:**

The IPAF machine categories are as follows:

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| <b>3a</b> – Mobile Vertical | (e.g. mobile scissor lift)    |
| <b>3b</b> – Mobile Boom     | (e.g. mobile boom lift)       |
| <b>1b</b> – Static Boom     | (e.g. van/lorry mounted boom) |

If you require clarification on any of the above categories please feel free to contact us.

**NOTE:** Candidates can only achieve PAL+ status on categories already held on their existing (in date) PAL card/licence.



### **Pre-Requisites for Candidates:**

PAL+ training is open to operators who hold an existing PAL Card qualification in the relevant category. (Please be advised that taking the PAL Operator and PAL+ courses back to back may not be suitable as sufficient experience in operating equipment is required.)

Literacy and language comprehension are important requirements on all courses. Candidates must meet the requirements of IPAF's health & fitness statement

Any physical impairment or literacy issues should be discussed with LTC Training Services Ltd prior to making a booking so we can best accommodate your needs.

### **Training Location Options:**

We offer this course from Devon (Plymouth) training centre.

### **Course Start Time:**

All courses unless agreed otherwise will commence at 8.00am.

### **Certification:**

**IMPORTANT - Please note:** All candidates who undertake IPAF training and pass will get their license and/or certification through IPAF's new app, **ePAL**. In addition, the Co-ordinator of the booking will receive a digital copy once payment has been received in full.

The app is available on iOS and Android apps (search ePAL) and we request that delegates download this app to their smart phone ahead of the course.

For PAL+ successful candidates will be issued with a new IPAF PAL licence and certificate (digital) showing the relevant categories for which PAL+ was achieved. (e.g. If the candidate holds a PAL Card for the categories 1b, 3a and 3b, and successfully completes PAL+ in the categories 3a and 3b, their new licence/certification will show the categories 1b, 3a+ and 3b+)

The training is valid for 5 years.

### **Equipment:**

Candidates are required to wear appropriate PPE (safety footwear, hard hat, safety harness and hi-viz jacket or vest). Candidates should also bring wet weather clothing in case of inclement weather and should wear full length trousers (no shorts). Writing materials will be provided. Candidates who do not have any of these items should make us aware of this at the time of booking.

### **Lunch and Refreshment Facilities:**

A lunch (e.g. baguette/sandwich and crisps) is included at no extra cost. Water, tea, coffee, fridge and microwave facilities are also available in our canteen for your use free of charge.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide lunches when training is carried out on-site.

### **Accommodation and Transport:**

Candidates are required to organise and pay for their own accommodation and transport should it be required. A list of local accommodation can be provided on request.

### **Number of Candidates per Course:**

Maximum of 2 (on 3 category courses)

Maximum of 4 (on 2 category courses)

Maximum of 6 (on 1 category courses)

### **Refresher Training:**

PAL+, like the PAL operator qualification, is valid for five years and must be renewed after that.

The PAL+ renewal test must be taken before the original training expires. Candidates must also be able to provide their log book with a minimum of 60 entries (10 of which must be in the final year prior to expiry) as proof of their continued machine use. Candidates who don't meet the requirements for the PAL+ renewal test will have to re-sit the PAL Operator course and the PAL+ Course again.

NOTE: If candidates hold a valid PAL+ qualification, they do not necessarily need a PAL operator qualification for the same category. If they renew their PAL+ qualification, they do not need to renew their original PAL operator qualification when it expires. However, they must hold a valid PAL operator qualification when they take their initial PAL+ course.

### **CITB Grants:**

CITB Levy registered customers can receive £140.00 per delegate for successful achievement of the course. LTC Training Services will claim this on your behalf, please ensure you have provided us with your levy number.

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