



Representing Industry

The majority of all lift truck training in the UK is conducted through a training provider accredited by a member of the Accrediting Bodies Association for Workplace Transport (ABA).

There are currently four members of the ABA. The ABA helps keep material handling equipment (MHE) operators safe.



The ABA, (also known as the Accrediting Bodies Association for Workplace Transport), is responsible for:

- Specifying the criteria and requirements for bodies wishing to offer accreditation to MHE operator training providers
- Appointing independent auditors to check that the bodies offering accreditation are meeting the criteria
- Setting operator testing standards (not training - each accrediting body sets their own training content and duration)
- Supporting the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) to reduce the number of accidents involving workplace transport every year

Working together for the benefit of the UK workplace transport industry

Our aim is to help:

- ✓ Reduce workplace transport incidents, injuries and deaths
- ✓ Improve safety, productivity and profitability through training

Five reasons to get your training accredited by an ABA member

1. Grow your business with recognised accreditation your customers look for and trust. Accreditation shows you meet certain standards and are qualified to train professionally
2. Get the support and materials you need to deliver MHE operator training
3. Cut your administration costs. Log your trainees on a recognised register and simplify the process of issuing certificates
4. Stay compliant with absolute clarity for testing requirements. Get standardised criteria for the delivery of Basic operator training, in line with all relevant and current legislation and approved Codes of Practice
5. Independent assessment of your performance helps keep you on track to make sure you continue to deliver quality training

The HSE, L117 and the ABA

The Accrediting Bodies Association (ABA) was formed in 2012 after the HSE decided not to manage the accrediting bodies scheme on a day to day basis. Instead, the HSE (as the regulator) now provides advice to the ABA on any points that arise in relation to L117 “Rider-operated lift trucks - Operator training and safe use. Approved Code of Practice and guidance.”

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