

Information sheet

Licensing requirements for industrial lift truck, forklift truck and multi-purpose tool carriers

National Licensing Standard replaces industrial lift truck with the following definitions.

- **forklift truck** – covers the operation of a powered industrial truck equipped with a mast and an elevating load carriage to which is attached a pair of fork arms or other attachment.
- **order picking forklift truck** – covers the operation of a powered industrial truck of a type where the operator's control arrangement is incorporated with the load carriage/lifting media, and elevates with it.

The National Licensing Standard's definition of forklift truck relates to forklifts (commonly known as counter balance forklifts) and includes the requirement for the truck to be equipped with a mast.

There has been some uncertainty about certification requirements for operators of multi-purpose machines (also known as telescopic handlers and multi-purpose tool carriers and integrated tool carriers). These multi-purpose machines can be fitted with various attachments such as:

- bucket
- bucket with grab
- concrete skip
- earthmoving blade
- earthmoving hoe
- elevating work platform
- forks
- grab
- hoisting block and hook
- hydraulic winch
- jib
- tyre handler.

Licences are required when a multi-purpose machine is configured as described below:

- **Non-slewing mobile** (greater than 3 tonne) crane with a boom and/or jib (Licence class CN).
- **Elevating work platform** where the boom length has a capacity of 11 metres or greater regardless of whether it is operated from controls located at the base station or in the basket (Licence class WP).

A licence is not required when the plant is fitted with other attachments i.e. buckets and tynes or forkarms etc. To illustrate, in the diagram below, only the top two attachments require a licence (crane and elevating work platform).

Licence class CN required if capacity with jib attachment is greater than 3 tonnes.

Licence class WP required if boom length is 11 metres or more

Licence not required.
Duty of care applies.

