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ALLMI forms agreement with CPCS

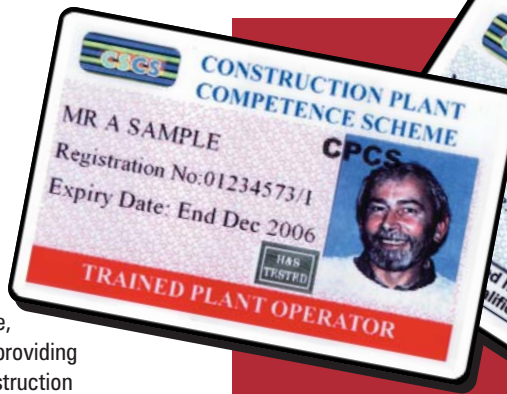
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ALLMI focus

Following extensive discussions over the course of the last few years, ALLMI and CPCS have formed an agreement that will see ALLMI trained operators eligible to apply for blue CPCS cards.

The agreement allows anyone holding a current ALLMI card for

either the Lorry Loader or Slinger/Signaller category (or both) to apply for a blue, CPCS 'Competence Card', providing they have passed the Construction Skills Health and Safety Touch Screen Test within the last two years. Therefore:



The CPCS blue card

ALLMI Card + ConstructionSkills Health & Safety Touch Screen Test =

Blue CPCS Competence Card

The categories stated on the card issued by CPCS will match those stated on the ALLMI card (i.e. Lorry Loader and/or Slinger/Signaller), with the expiry date for the CPCS card being five years from the date of issue. ALLMI cardholders wanting to apply for CPCS cards must complete the appropriate application form, which can be obtained from either their ALLMI Training Provider or the ALLMI office, and all applications must be sent to ALLMI in order to be approved and sent on to CPCS.

For those not familiar with the CPCS card system, the standard CPCS process works in two stages. The first stage requires the operator

to achieve a red, 'Trained Operator Card'. Once the red card has been issued, the operator must then progress to a blue, Competence Card (this is the card that ALLMI operators are entitled to). The red card cannot be renewed and so all operators must go on to achieve the blue card. In order to obtain a CPCS Trained Operator Card via the standard CPCS process, operators are required to undergo their initial operator training and also complete the ConstructionSkills Health and Safety Touch Screen Test.

Achieving the blue card involves completing the appropriate NVQ/SVQ and logging 300 hours of machine operation. As stated

above, ALLMI operators will be entitled to go straight to the blue card, providing they have completed the ConstructionSkills Health and Safety Touch Screen Test.

ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "we're very pleased that our discussions with CPCS have reached their conclusion, and that this agreement is now in place for ALLMI operators requiring access to the CPCS card. I would like to stress, however, that this process does not affect ALLMI instructors, nor does it change the delivery of the ALLMI Training scheme in any way whatsoever.

The HSE commended ALLMI scheme will continue as it is."

At some point during quarter three of 2008, the conditions of the agreement will change significantly, with a red card being issued rather than a blue card following the operator's initial training. The details of this change are still being finalised, but ALLMI will notify its Members and Training Providers as soon as everything has been confirmed. The CPCS card is a requirement on a number of construction sites managed by members of the Major Contractors Group.

If you have any queries regarding the ALLMI / CPCS agreement, then please contact the ALLMI office

ALLMI Expands Abroad

November saw ALLMI take its first step in expanding its training scheme overseas, with a visit to the UK of Clive Grant from Trinidad-based ALLMI member company, Hydraulic Components. An experienced crane operator and instructor, Clive visited the UK to attend a range of ALLMI's training programmes, including the ALLMI Operator course, Slinger / Signaller course and Instructor course.

Founded in 1979 and with a wealth of experience in crane installation, service and repair, as well as operator training, Hydraulic Component's move to deliver ALLMI training is a natural progression to the close relationship the company has had with ALLMI for many years. Managing director of Hydraulic Components, Glenn Singh, said: "We're very excited about introducing such a high standard of operator training. The Instructor course that Clive attended

was first class and the operating training package provided by ALLMI is extremely comprehensive. We expect a high demand for ALLMI training in Trinidad, where the introduction of the Occupational Safety and Health Act has increased the requirements for safe working practices in recent years."



Changes to ALLMI Operator's Manual

The UK's most comprehensive lorry loader training manual continues to develop, with the addition of a page on trailer mounted cranes.

The new page contains useful information including definitions of the various types of trailer mounted loader crane and the methods to be employed in order to ensure their safe use.