

ALLMI releases Appointed Person course

ALLMI has announced the official launch of its Appointed Person (AP) training course, the only accredited AP programme in the UK dedicated to loader crane lifting operations.

With both two and three day course options available (as well as an additional (and optional) Foundation course), the AP training contains the following modules:

- Module 1: Course Introduction
- Module 2: Legislation
- Module 3: Roles & Responsibilities
- Module 4: Introduction to the Loader Crane
- Module 5: Rated Capacity
- Module 6: Hydraulic & Safety Systems
- Module 7: Pre-operational Checks
- Module 8: Maintenance & Testing
- Module 9: Lift Categories
- Module 10: Assessing Loads
- Module 11: Siting the Lorry Loader
- Module 12: Accessories / Attachments
- Module 13: Site Surveys
- Module 14: Slings / Signalling
- Module 15: The Lifting Plan
- Module 16: Theoretical Assessment
- Module 17: Practical Assessment
- Module 18: Summary & Feedback

Upon completion of the training, candidates undergo a range of demanding assessments which are designed to establish their competence as an AP. Assessments include:

- Questions on health and safety legislation, lorry loaders, slinging/signalling, the role/responsibilities of an AP and the considerations/requirements of lift planning.
- Questions on the selection of slings and the calculation of slinging angles.
- Preparation of a method statement/lifting plan (including preparation of a suitable drawing) based on a randomly selected scenario.



As well as on-going support from ALLMI, successful candidates receive an impressive range of electronic documents that will assist them in their role as an AP.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, chaired the ALLMI AP working group which developed the course. "We're extremely pleased that we've now reached the stage where we can officially release the training programme. The feedback we received from the pilot courses was very positive and extremely helpful. It's led us to introduce a new three day course which allows candidates with less experience to receive a valuable additional day's training. The pilot courses also highlighted the fact that aptitude and attitude were much more of a factor in a candidate's ability to cope with the course content than the qualifications they might hold. This led to us producing a

more detailed application form which includes an aptitude test for employers to use to help select the right candidates for the training and to decide whether the two or three day course is more suitable. Candidates also have the option of attending a foundation course beforehand, if they feel that extra tuition is required."

"We'd like to thank the AP working group members for their hard work over the last year or so, as well as the efforts they continue to make in developing the training. The working group has proved to be incredibly effective, thanks to its composition, with experienced representatives from a variety of fleet owners and training providers, as well as the UKCG and HSE."

For further details of ALLMI's Appointed Person course, please visit www.allmi.com or contact the ALLMI office.

Vertikal Days – more exhibitors for the ALLMI Village

The list of exhibitors in the ALLMI Village continues to grow, with Leeds Commercial Vehicle Hire and PM recently confirming their attendance. With T H White (Palfinger), Cargotec (Hiab) and Atlas having already committed to the Village, and Ernest Doe (Cormach) exhibiting in the wider show, Vertikal Days looks set to produce another impressive display of loader cranes.

ALLMI Executive Director, Tom Wakefield, comments "Vertikal Days has always provided our members with an excellent platform upon which to promote their products and services, and so it's good to see yet another excellent uptake of exhibitor spots. However, what makes this year's display so different are the various types of member company taking part. We currently have several loader crane manufacturers and a hire company, in addition to which we're expecting to add some service / repair agents and ancillary equipment manufacturers, so all in all, visitors should benefit from the most varied and all-encompassing loader crane display since the show began in 2007"



The ALLMI's Examiner's Card – Proof of Competence

We have previously highlighted the importance - and legal requirement - for Thorough Examinations and load tests to be carried out by engineers "competent" to perform these procedures. One of the most effective ways for you to be sure of this is to insist that the examiner has ALLMI Examiner certification. All ALLMI manufacturer/service agent members have access to the "ALLMI Training Scheme & Competency Assessment for the Thorough Examination & Testing of Lorry Loaders". Further to stringent entry requirements, course candidates undergo the following modules:

- Module 1: Course Introduction
- Module 2: Legislation
- Module 3: Safety Considerations
- Module 4: Documentation
- Module 5: Visual Inspection
- Module 6: Function Check
- Module 7: Calibration Check
- Module 8: Overload Test
- Module 9: Stability Test
- Module 10: Dynamic Test
- Module 11: Post Test Inspection
- Module 12: Signing Off
- Module 13: Practical Session
- Module 14: Assessments
- Module 15: Course Review & Feedback



Next time your loader cranes undergo a Thorough Examination, ask for a copy of the examiner's ALLMI card and look for the "T. Exam" category.

