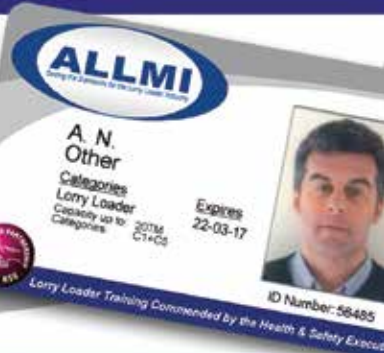




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# BS7121 Part 4 up for review



As nearly five years have passed since the release of BS7121 Part 4: 2010, the British standard for the safe use of lorry loaders, the British Standards Institute is now considering whether any amendments are required.

As a result, ALLMI recently engaged with its members and training providers in order to obtain their views on the subject, before submitting a uniform response on behalf of the association.

A BSI working group will consider whether any amendments are required on BS7121 Part 4: 2010.



## AP Training - five years on

The ALLMI Appointed Person training course has also reach the five year milestone in 2015. With many hundreds of candidates having successfully completed the training since its introduction, the course has had a significant impact on practices within the lorry loader industry.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, said: "The demand we've experienced for the AP training not only reflects the quality of the course and the fact that it's the only one of its kind available in the UK, but also the continuing growth in awareness within the wider lorry loader industry. The revision of BS7121 Part 4 clarified the roles within the lifting team hierarchy and reinforced the need for formal lift planning. Since the launch of that document in 2010, ALLMI's AP course has been vital in educating fleet owners on this subject and helping them to train the relevant members of their workforce to the highest standard available."

As one of the first candidates to go through the training nearly five years' ago, Andrew Hollingsworth, group fleet manager for Travis Perkins, will soon be renewing his AP card by undertaking refresher training and assessments. In referring to the training he received and its usefulness in his job, he said: "Becoming an ALLMI accredited appointed person has been a valuable experience. The standard of the course content was excellent, as was the level of instruction, and the expert support I have received since gaining the qualification has been fantastic. Having now had five years' experience of putting the knowledge acquired into practice, it has become even clearer to me just how important it is to attend an AP course that is totally focused on lorry loaders, and how this can bring significant benefits to lifting operations in terms safety, efficiency and professionalism."

The ALLMI Appointed Person course is the UK's only accredited AP programme dedicated to lorry loader lifting operations and to be fully compliant with the requirements of BS7121 Part 4. The course content was developed by a group of experienced representatives from a variety of manufacturers, fleet owners and training providers, as well as the UKCG and HSE.



ALLMI's AP training course was launched five years ago

## Further membership growth

The past 12 months produced another excellent result for ALLMI in terms of membership growth, with a good balance of new members seeing all of the association's divisions increasing in size. The total membership is now close to 200 companies, which consists of manufacturers, service repair businesses, fleet owners and a diverse affiliate category.



ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield, said: "One of the key drivers for this demand is the service that we are able to provide for members. ALLMI membership status also adds a great deal of credibility to any company in the industry, whether in relation to training, crane installations, service and repair, or the running of a lorry loader fleet."

One company to recently join the Association is Martin Williams (Hull), a commercial vehicle bodybuilder based in Hull. National sales manager, Jon Cooper, said: "As a loader crane installer, we know that membership of ALLMI will assist us in continually developing and improving our already high standards, and it will be invaluable in our efforts to keep abreast of technical and legislative developments."

## BS7121 Part 1 update

The BSI working group, MHE/003/11 has held its third meeting in six months, in order to make further progress on the revision of BS7121 Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Cranes - Part 1: General.

The majority of the meeting was spent clarifying parts of the previous draft, to ensure uniformity with some of the key changes and additions already made. The latest revision has since been proofed by the British Standards Institute in order to update the cross-referencing to other standards and the next meeting is planned for late April. It is anticipated that a draft for public comment will be released shortly after that meeting.

