

# What is a PAL Card?

A PAL Card is a Powered Access Licence. It is issued by the International Powered Access Federation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting safe work at height.

Heightworkers need to show that they have been trained to work at height. If they can't, they won't be allowed on site.

That's why the PAL Card is so important. It confirms that someone can operate mobile elevating work platforms safely and effectively.



## Some key people who need a PAL Card

Construction workers	Linesmen
Roofers	Maintenance engineers
Electricians	Tree surgeons
Painters and decorators	Plus many other trades
Industrial cleaners	

## Unsurpassed training that is respected worldwide

The only way to receive a PAL Card is through an IPAF-approved training centre. This training is available through over 400 training centres worldwide.

Training is always carried out by qualified instructors, who themselves are experienced platform operators.

Courses are a mix of classroom theory and practical, hands-on instruction. Generally courses last between one and two days. They include a practical and a written test.

Class sizes are kept small and course material is available in many languages.

When training has been successfully completed, the operator will receive a safety guide, a log book and a certificate - in addition to their PAL Card.

## Two ways to get a PAL Card

There are two ways to find out more about the PAL Card - and book a training course.

1. Visit the IPAF website at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)
2. Contact your local training centre.



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# Why training for platform operators is now vital

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# The PAL Card For today's heightworkers

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# The PAL Card

The card that site and safety managers rely on

Every year, throughout the world, 80,000 more operators in all types of industry undergo IPAF training on powered access equipment.

The PAL Card that they receive is valid for five years. It shows the date of training – and the date when the operator should be retrained.

It also specifies the type of equipment which the operator has been trained for.

The inclusion of the operator's signature and photograph ensures the card can only be used by the holder.

A holographic logo minimises counterfeiting risks.

Site and safety managers can verify that the card is genuine with a single call to the IPAF hotline number: +44 (0)15395 66700.

## Why a PAL Card is so valuable

All PAL Cards are issued exclusively by IPAF, the International Powered Access Federation.

They are awarded only to operators who have successfully completed training and assessment by an IPAF-approved training centre. All of these centres are regularly checked by IPAF auditors.



Each year, over 80,000 people are trained at IPAF-approved training centres.



The PAL Card and Operator's Log Book are proof of training and experience.

## International accreditation

The PAL Card proves that an operator has been trained to an international standard.

The IPAF training programme has been developed by leading industry professionals.

It conforms to the international standard ISO 18878:2004 *Mobile elevating work platforms – Operator (driver) training*. Conformity with this key standard has been certified by TÜV.

## Universal recognition

The PAL Card is accepted by influential organisations around the world as proof of the highest quality training for platform operators.

These include the UK Contractors Group, the Scaffold Industry Association in the USA, and many more.

## It's the law

The law requires employees to be properly trained on the equipment they use at work. The PAL Card offers proof that employees have been trained to work at height safely.



## IPAF Training Courses help everyone work safely at height

Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) courses for:

- Operators
- Demonstrators
- Instructors

The following equipment is covered:

- Static Verticals
- Static Booms
- Mobile Verticals
- Mobile Booms
- Push Around Verticals
- Insulated Aerial Devices
- Specialised Machines

Mast Climbing Work Platform (MCWP) courses for:

- Mobile Operators
- Demonstrators
- Installers
- Advanced Installers
- Instructors

Other training courses:

- Harness Use and Inspection
- Loading and Unloading
- MEWPs for Managers
- Telehandlers with Integrated Baskets

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