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## WHAT IS NPORS?

The National Plant Operators Registration Scheme (NPORS) is an excellent alternative card scheme to the CPCs.

We were one of only 21 founder members when the scheme launched in October 1992 and it is still going strong today with over 1000 members.

### **NPORS is a HSE Approved Accrediting Body**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) recognise NPORS as a competent organisation to accredit, monitor and train Instructors/Training Providers to deliver Operator training and testing.

HSE recognition helps set and maintain good professional training standards, allowing employers to select quality organisations for their training needs.

### **Flexibility**

An NPORS card is much more flexible than other schemes, giving you the ability to:

Include attachments – *E.g. Telescopic Handler – Bucket attachment.*

Restrict the card for Operational reasons – *E.g. 180 Excavator – restricted to front bucket use only.*

Restrict the card for Commercial reasons – *E.g. Restricted for use on YOUR COMPANY sites only.*

### **Variety**

This is where NPORS really comes into its own. The variety of categories available is unrivalled.

Sure, they offer the “normal” categories – Excavators, Dumpers, Rollers, Lift Trucks etc but they also have a lot of other courses that other schemes do not.

These include Quick Hitch (Safety or Awareness), Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT and Genny) and Abrasive Wheel.



## CATEGORIES

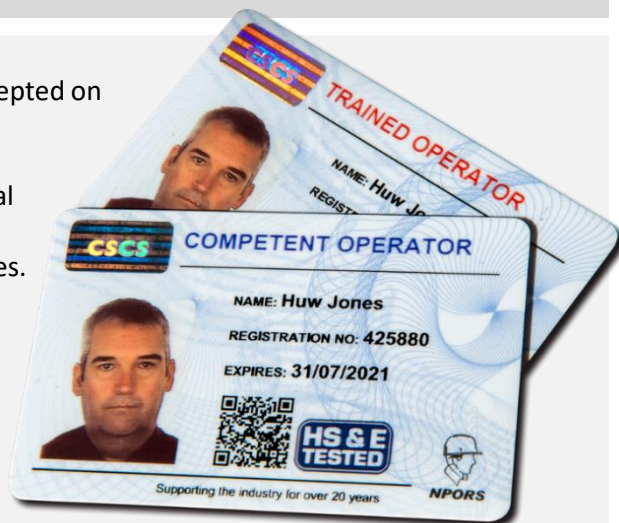
- Abrasive Wheel
- All Terrain Vehicle – Quad Bike
- Cat & Genny
- Concrete Pump
- Crane - Mobile
- Crusher/Screener
- Dozer
- Dumpers
  - *Wheeled and tracked*
  - *Moxi and Rear Tipping*
- Excavator 180 and 360
  - *Wheeled and tracked*
- Excavator Banksman
- Hand Held Disc Cutter
- Hoist
- Floor Saw
- Fork Lift Truck – All types
- Ladder Safety
- Lifting With Excavator
- Loader/ Securer
- Loading Shovels
- Lorry Loader (HIAB)
- Manual Handling
- MEWPS
- Multi Lift (Roll On/ Roll Off)
- Overhead Cranes
- Quick Hitch Awareness
- Quick Hitch Safety
- Road Roller
- Slinger Signaller with Excavator
- Slinger Signaller with HIAB
- Slinger Signaller with Cranes
- Skidsteer Loader (Bobcat)
- Telescopic Handler
- Tractair
- Vehicle Marshalling
- Vibratory Rammer (Wacker)

## TYPES OF NPORS CARDS

The most common question we are asked is... “Will it be accepted on bigger sites?”

Historically, the traditional NPORS card has admittedly been accepted on fewer sites than a CPCS card. However, it is ideal for companies who are the main contractor – Councils, Utility Companies & Industrial premises.

As of 2020, construction sites in the UK are hoping to implement the ONE INDUSTRY LOGO standard which means that they will ask “Does your card have a CSCS Logo on it?” rather than “What card have you got?” – this is where the NPORS Construction Operator Card comes in.



## NPORS CONSTRUCTION OPERATOR CARD

Launched in October 2016 and complete with the CSCS logo, the NPORS Construction Operator is officially recognised by major Build UK companies.

It follows a similar structure to CPCS, in that there is a 2 year red card, followed by an NVQ leading to a 5 year blue card.

- Complete CITB or NPORS Health and Safety Test
- Complete NPORS Assessment
- Gain 2 year Red card
- Complete NVQ
- Gain 5 year Blue card
- Renew Blue card via log book route.

### Can I upgrade my Traditional NPORS card to the NCO Card?

Yes, as long as you have got a valid Health and Safety test in the last 2 years, FTS can assist you in transferring your registration over to the new card.

## TRADITIONAL NPORS

- 3 or 5 year card
- Taken on your site or at our premises
- Renew by refresher test or employer endorsement.
- Less frequently accepted on major Build UK sites.
- Perfect for Main Contractors/Utilities/ Councils etc
- Can be restricted or bespoke.
- Training available for less experienced delegates.

