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Construction Plant Operators Scheme Update
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Telehandler Suspended Loads

This category has been completed and will launch in March 2015 in order to allow test centres time to update their equipment.

The category will specifically state 'non-rough terrain use' and this will be reinforced at the testing stage.

Medical fitness to operate plant

This will be incorporated into the CPCS records but not listed on cards

The National Plant Operators Registration Scheme (NPORS)

Following detailed discussions, the NPORS is now a UKCG 'accepted record scheme'. The move brings to an end what has effectively been a monopoly for the Construction Plant Competency Scheme (CPCS) for the most general types of construction machinery.

Fraud

Lots of activity against individuals and also some test centres who are not conducting tests properly. It is likely some organisations will lose their test centre licence.

Online Digital logbook

This is still in development

NVQ

Assessment criteria are being tightened and will require on site observation and a 3 month time period.

This will effectively exclude the Experienced Worker Practical Assessment (EWPA) route (which can be done at a test centre in one day) to an NVQ.

Smart Cards

There is no appetite for this.

Testing

The maximum allowable charge for a practical test is to be reviewed.

Telehandler Renewal Test pass rate is 65% (average for all categories is 73%). Many of the failures can be attributed to lack of preparation.