

IPAF loading, unloading and securing of aerial work

platforms Audience and entry requirements

The training is designed for anyone who transports aerial work platforms professionally.

A worker who does not know how to safely load, unload or secure an AWP can pose a hazard to himself and those around him.

From the [Working Conditions Decree article 7.18 and 7.18b](#), expertise is required for use on hoisting & lifting equipment for persons, such as the aerial work platform.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act stipulates that employers must ensure that their personnel are adequately trained. In addition, the requirements for knowledge and understanding when loading, unloading and securing aerial work platforms are increasing.

The minimum age of the student is 18.

Trainees must not have impairments of vision, hearing functions and motor skills. The student is required to wear a helmet and safety shoes during the practical part of the training.

Certified fall protection devices are available at the training site, if you own a personal fall protection device it may be used during training provided it meets the inspection requirements.

The loading and unloading of mobile elevating work platforms poses risks, according to IPAF accident reporting database findings.

Approximately one-third of accidents recorded by rental companies involve the flatbed truck drivers delivering the aerial work platforms. IPAF is focusing on this factor to raise awareness among all involved about the importance of training and safety initiatives.

Mobile aerial work platforms must be properly and safely loaded, secured and unloaded before and after transportation by road to and from the work site.

- Have a supervisor responsible for scheduling delivery, disposal and transportation of aerial work platforms.
- Prior to all AWP activities, conduct a thorough risk analysis and document this process in writing.
- Ensure that all employees are adequately trained to perform their duties.

IPAF-approved training centers offer a course for loading, unloading and securing mobile aerial work platforms.

Global curriculum

The purpose of the training is to familiarize people with loading, unloading and securing an AWP so that they can transport it safely in all conditions.

Candidates become aware of all the possible dangers that can arise in the process. It is also necessary to learn how to correctly apply restraint materials. Correct clear communication with all those involved in the work.

The training is given by experienced and well-trained instructors who themselves have long-term work experience with the aerial work platform. We work with approved aerial work platforms, scissors, articulated telescope and, if desired, with the car aerial work platform.

Candidates are given a training folder at the beginning of the training. During the theory part, the following topics are covered:

- General (basic concepts)
- Legislation (legal provisions)
- Safety (general safety rules, specific risks)
- Professional technique (preparation, operation)
- Knowledge about different aerial work platforms and the vehicles
- Knowledge of loading options and binders

The practical instruction includes applying the safety requirements in practice:

- Commencement control of the AWP
- Initial inspection of fall protection and its use
- LMRA
- Practical hints on use
- Driving the aerial platform
- Loading, unloading and securing the aerial work platform order with scissor elevator
- Loading, unloading and securing AWP assignment with Knik telescope
- Perform various assignments

Maximum number of participants

This training is possible with up to 8 participants per instructor (depending on the number of categories).

Resources

V-TAS owns the necessary vehicles and aerial platforms and practice sites including all mandatory required fall protection equipment.

Exam

There is an exam associated with the course.

The exam consists of a practical and a theoretical exam and is taken at the end of the training. If the exam is passed, the student will receive a

IPAF certificate and a [PAL card](#) (proficiency card).

The PAL Card (Powered Access License) is recognized in many global workplaces as proof that its holder has been trained at the highest level

Validity period of the certificate

The PAL Card is provided by the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF)

to trainees who have attended and successfully completed training at an accredited IPAF training center.

The validity period of the certificate is five (5) years.

Site and safety managers can apply the [online PAL Card verification tool](#) to verify that a PAL Card is genuine. Call the IPAF hotline if you have questions: +44 (0)15395 66700 or [contact the nearest office in your country](#).

Recertification

The training and testing should be done again after 5 years.

General information

Duration of	trainingNo experience minimum 2 days, including the exam. Review or experienced 1 day including the exam.
Training	locationEvery V-bag location or in company
Number of	students1 to 8 at open enrollment at one of the V-TAS locations (depending on the number of categories)
Code 95	No
Start	dateYou can find this in our calendar on our website www.vtas.com or check with one of the V-TAS staff. You can reach us at +31 497 360305.

If a suitable date is not scheduled, a suitable solution can always be found by mutual agreement . Subsidy

possibilitiesV-TAS is recognized by: SOOB - OOM - Colland - KMO-Portefeuille.

ExemptionIPAF certification does not give exemption on SSVV certifications !

more information

For more information, tailored advice, a quotation, a registration or for all your other questions, please contact one of our specialists. They will be happy to help you make the right choice or provide you with the correct and up-to-date answers to your questions if you wish.

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