



*Promote and enable the safe, effective use of powered access worldwide*



# THE PAL CARD

The sign of quality operator training

[www.ipaf.org/training](http://www.ipaf.org/training)



## WHAT IS A PAL CARD?

A PAL Card is a Powered Access Licence for operating Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs), Mast Climbing Work Platforms (MCWPs) or Construction Hoists (CHs). To qualify for a PAL Card, operators must complete an IPAF training course and pass a test at an IPAF-approved training centre. PAL Cards are issued by the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF), a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to enabling the safe and effective use of powered access worldwide.

"The IPAF brand is the global standard and it's something we're proud to be associated with."

Richard Abercrombie,  
Learning & Development Lecturer,  
Openreach

## ABOUT IPAF OPERATOR TRAINING

- Developed using over 40 years of industry experience
- MEWP training conforms to international standard: ISO 18878
- Content created using input from IPAF manufacturer members
- Focuses on safety & efficiency
- Complies with legal requirements
- Courses available in most major languages
- Comprehensive range of courses
- Delivered by highly-qualified instructors
- Remote learning available with e-Learning options
- Annually updated course content based on international feedback
- Optimum instructor: candidate ratio
- Annually audited by a global team of specialists to uphold consistency & quality of delivery

## ABOUT THE PAL CARD

- Provides reassurance! A valid PAL Card proves that the holder has undertaken the above operator training, and has passed a theory & practical test within the last five years \*
- Uses fraud-smart technology
- Validity can easily and quickly be verified online: [www.ipaf.org/checkpal](http://www.ipaf.org/checkpal)
- Recognised by manufacturers of the machines & equipment
- Internationally-recognised as the benchmark for MEWP operator training by employers, worksites & project managers

\*may be subject to regional variation.



OVER 80 COUNTRIES  
& REGIONS  
ACCEPT THE PAL  
CARD IN RECOGNITION  
OF HIGH-QUALITY  
OPERATOR TRAINING



OVER 750  
IPAF-APPROVED  
TRAINING CENTRES  
WORLDWIDE



ALMOST 2.5 MILLION  
PAL CARDS ISSUED

For more information please visit: [www.ipaf.org/pal](http://www.ipaf.org/pal)



## MACHINE CATEGORIES

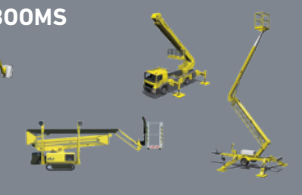
### MOBILE ELEVATING WORK PLATFORMS (MEWPS)

#### STATIC VERTICALS



1A

#### STATIC BOOMS



1B

#### MOBILE VERTICALS



3A

#### MOBILE BOOMS



3B



### SPECIAL MACHINES (Includes all 2A and 2B MEWPs)

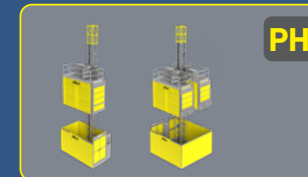


### CONSTRUCTION HOISTS (CH)

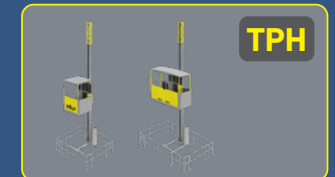
- Transport Platform Hoists - TPHs are designed to carry either people or work materials
- Goods Hoists - GHs are designed to carry only work materials
- Passenger Hoists - PHs are designed to carry both people and work materials



GH

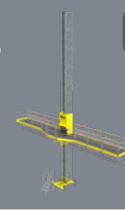


PH



TPH

#### MAST CLIMBING WORK PLATFORMS



MCWP

#### MOBILE MAST CLIMBING WORK PLATFORMS



MMCWP



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## FAQS

### Who needs a PAL Card?

Anyone operating any machine category of Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP), Mast Climbing Work Platform (MCWP/ MMCWP) or Construction Hoist (CH).

### Is there a legal requirement for training?

In most countries there is a requirement for operators to be trained before using powered access equipment.

### How do I get a PAL Card?

After successful completion of training, PAL Cards are issued digitally and accessed via ePAL, IPAF's free smartphone app.

### What courses are available?

For a full list of IPAF training courses, visit [www.ipaf.org/courses](http://www.ipaf.org/courses)

### How long is the training?

Courses vary from one to three days duration.

### How much does it cost?

Each IPAF-approved training centre sets its own prices. Please contact your local training centre for more details.

### How long is the PAL Card valid for?

Five years.

*N.B. this may be subject to regional variation.*

### Can I become an IPAF member?

Yes, there are several categories of membership. Please visit:

[www.ipaf.org/join](http://www.ipaf.org/join)

### If I have a PAL Card can I use the IPAF logo?

PAL Card holders can use the 'operator tick logo' which denotes operators hold a PAL Card and have completed IPAF-approved training. Download the tick logo at [www.ipaf.org/logos](http://www.ipaf.org/logos) (search for 'operator tick logo'). Only IPAF members can use the 'IPAF Member' logo.



'operator tick logo'

### How do I download the ePAL app?

Visit the IOS or Android App Store on your smartphone and look for 'IPAF ePAL'. For more information visit: [www.ipaf.org/epal](http://www.ipaf.org/epal)



IPAF ePAL



"IPAF training is comprehensive and globally recognised in the marketplace. At Skyjack, we insist that all personnel operating MEWPs are trained using these industry-leading materials."

**Ken McDougall,**  
President,  
Skyjack

Find your nearest IPAF-approved training centre at: [www.ipaf.org/training](http://www.ipaf.org/training)