

Course: Stage 3 Offshore Crane Operator
 Duration: 1 Day
 Location: Offshore installation
 Tutors: Course tutors are A1/NVQ D32/D33 qualified

Training

Stage 3 – Offshore Crane Operator

When the Trainee or Assistant Crane Operator is deemed sufficiently competent to progress to vessel work a further one-day training/assessment period is required to guide him through the wide range of over-side vessel lifts and to assess his ability.

After this period he may be regarded as a fully unrestricted operator, or he may be restricted to deck lifts of less than 5 tons in relatively calm sea states until he attains sufficient competency, after which time he would be re-assessed before being categorised as fully unrestricted.

The stage 3 assessment progression is designed as an evaluation of the candidates' skill as a crane operator, usually after completing 40 hours of crane operations. The assessment evaluates the competencies of the candidate operating the crane, as per stage 2, but also concentrates on the planning and understanding of the lifting process. The criteria for stage three comprises of the fundamental elements of the stage 2 assessment and includes:

- Crane and deck operations
- Communication skills
- Knowledge of HSE Plan
- Knowledge of relevant legislation and approved codes of practice
- Knowledge of JSA
- Understanding of safe working procedures

Reassessment

To comply with BS7121 Part 11, offshore crane operators should undergo a competence assessment every two years.

