

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

# Banksman Training



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This Banksman Training course helps learners understand how to fulfil their role of supporting safe vehicle and mobile plant operations. This includes helping to maintain control measures and effectively instructing and guiding drivers and operators. It also explains how to use the signals set out in the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996, which banksmen commonly use to help direct drivers and operators.

The course is designed to support practical, work activity and work environment specific training that is required beyond this course, and it explains what this further training must cover. It can also act as a refresher for those who have already received practical training.

### **Module One: Introduction to Banksman Training**

This module introduces learners to the laws and regulations surrounding work vehicles and mobile plant safety. It explains how banksmen play an important part in helping to ensure health and safety as required by these laws, and provides an overview of their duties.

- Legal responsibilities
- Health and Safety Executive guidance
- What is the role of a banksman?
- Training requirements
- Key rules for banksmen when directing vehicles and mobile plant

### **Module Two: Safe Management of Vehicles and Mobile Plant**

This module covers what employers may do to ensure the safe management of vehicles and mobile plant. It's important for banksmen to understand this, so they can help to uphold control measures, know whether it's safe to proceed with an operation, and can report any issues.

- Legal responsibilities of employers
- Risk assessment for vehicles and mobile plant
- Vehicle site control measures:
  - Traffic routes
  - Temporary traffic routes
  - Pedestrian routes
  - Reversing
  - Traffic calming
  - Speed limits
  - Visibility and lighting
  - Further controls
  - Safe design

### **Module Three: Communication and Signals**

This module explains how banksmen should engage in good communication with the drivers and operators that they guide. It covers the factors that banksmen and drivers need to be aware of to enable effective and safe coordination, and looks at the signals that banksmen commonly use. These are shown via illustrations and a series of videos and animations.

- Why are planning and communications for vehicle movements important?
- Preparations with drivers and mobile plant operators
- How to prepare with the driver
- The banksman hand and verbal signals
- Using the banksman hand signals
- The banksman hand signals in action

### **Module Four: Training, Visibility Aids, and PPE**

This final module explains the importance of banksmen receiving training from their employer in relation to the specific control measures for where they work. It also discusses how visibility aids and audible alarms may be used for vehicle and mobile plant operations, and the types of PPE that banksmen may need to wear.

- Training in safe systems of work
- Duty of care to new banksmen
- Employee competence
- Use of visibility aids and audible alarms
- Verbal signals and radio systems
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- High visibility clothing
- Protective equipment for the head
- Weather protection

## Aims of the training

Upon completion of the course, learners will understand:

- The role of banksmen in the safe guidance of vehicles and mobile plant.
- The relevant legislation and guidance for safe vehicle operations.
- The duties that employers have regarding the safe management of vehicles and mobile plant, and how banksmen can play an important part in the control measures for safe vehicle operations.
- How to prepare for being a banksmen. This includes receiving work-specific training in the safe systems of work, including onsite areas and operations of vehicles.
- How to fulfil their banksmen role safely. This includes safe positioning, use of any aids for visibility (e.g. cameras or mirrors), use of PPE (like high visibility vests and safety helmets), and use of any other equipment (e.g. radios).
- How banksmen should effectively coordinate with and guide the drivers or operators of vehicles and mobile plant. This includes establishing a consistent and agreed system of signalling and method of communication.
- The visual and verbal signals that banksmen may use to guide drivers during operations, as set out by the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996.