



IPAF 3A and 3B

The objectives of the course are to:

instructs an operator to prepare and operate various types of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) including cherry pickers, scissor lifts, and mobile booms such as articulated & electric boom lifts.

The machine categories included are:

Mobile Scissor Lifts (3a): Scissor lifts, mobile vertical personnel platforms

Mobile Boom Lifts (3b): Including self-propelled booms and articulated booms (also known as cherry pickers)

Who should attend:

The IPAF 3a and 3b course is designed for operators of powered access equipment, also known as cherry pickers or mobile elevated work platforms (MEWPs) to demonstrate that they are trained and competent to operate MEWPs.

Classroom Tutorials

The classroom tutorials will cover best practice and industry guidance on subjects including:

- Health & Safety regulations and legislation
- Working at Height Regulations
- Accident control and prevention
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

During the theory section of the course, candidates will have the opportunity to take notes and discuss topics that may arise during the training in more detail. They will also be presented with an operator safety guide which can be used as a reference tool when back in the workplace.

Following the tutorials there will be an open-book theory assessment on the topics that have been covered.

Practical Training

Upon successful completion of the theory assessment candidates will progress to the practical element of the training.

This will provide candidates with the expertise to:

- Carry out a pre-use inspection check on a machine to ensure it is safe to use
- Learn how to correctly wear a safety harness: Auxiliary and manual descent procedures
- Operate a MEWP safely and effectively, and manoeuvre the machine as required

Practical Assessment

At the end of the practical training session, candidates are assessed in accordance with the IPAF practical test standards.

Course Duration - 1 day – depending on requirements

Certification – Successful candidates will receive the 3A and 3B IPAF qualifications, and an IPAF Certificate of Training for these. These will both be accessible via the IPAF ePAL app, available on Android and iOS smartphones, which also includes a logbook and safety information.