

# COVID-19 Lift Truck Training : HL Training Statement

After a lengthy wait from our accrediting bodies, two worked together to get the answers required within the Lift Truck Training Industry. Adam Smith of AITT, and Nick Welch of RTITB put their heads together and managed to get a response from the HSE regarding advise for training within the current COVID-19 epidemic.

Firstly, we would like to thank them for their time and effort in getting this statement, and their own comments. Additionally, we would like to outline what has been discussed, and what the statement means for Lift Truck Training in the UK currently.

**Please see the statement in FULL,  
by [clicking here.](#)**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\* All below quoted elements are from the document linked above.**

## **Existing Trained Staff**

As training certificate do NOT have an expiry date, *“it may be reasonable and practicable to extend the validity of current certificates by up to 3 months.”*

If you do so “they should be able to demonstrate that they are meeting their legal duty to monitor and supervise lift truck drivers to ensure that they continue to operate safely.”

## **Training of new staff**

It may be required within businesses where existing workers roles have changed, or new workers have been employed to keep up with demand “the duty remains to ensure that staff are trained and competent to operate any industrial lift truck equipment, and this includes driver training and the employer must be able to demonstrate that the driver is trained and competent.”

On that basis, as long as training providers which “activities are critical to supporting **key workers**” and activities are adjusted to “follow Public Health England’s advice regarding good hygiene practices and separation distances, and if relevant accommodate any site-specific rules to manage the risk of COVID-19 infection” – then training can proceed  
Below we have the comments from the two influencers in getting a response, along with Vince J Hueston one of our Directors. Taking the above into account, if you are within a key industry and have training requirements that HL Training Services can assist with, please contact us on 0117 9255625 or email [shane@hltraining.co.uk](mailto:shane@hltraining.co.uk)



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## UPDATE : COVID-19

### Key Points:

1. Refresher Training can be given 3 months grace, as this is not essential.
2. Critical Workers REQUIRE training, which can be provided where available.
3. Training organisations should adjust their activities to follow Public Health England's advice on issues like social distancing, good hygiene practices and any site specific rules.
4. Training ideally on a 1 to 1 basis.

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## Pallet Stacker Operator Training

Have your operators had adequate basic training to operate pallet stacker trucks?

Course duration depends on operator experience, and takes between 1 (refreshers) and 3 days (novice candidates). Comprising of theoretical and practical elements, this course is ideal for anyone wishing to operate Pallet Stacker trucks.

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***“Forklift operator training is required by law and employers have a legal obligation to ensure the safety of their staff. During this time, those who supply essential items such as food and medical resources are classed as critical workers, so it is extremely important that they receive appropriate training on the equipment they are required to use.”***

Adam Smith, Managing Director of AITT

***“Training for lift trucks must continue as it will help critical workers do their job safely and effectively.”***

***“Ideally training should be on a one-to-one basis, in line with government instructions to limit gatherings to no more than two people. Instructors and trainees should also keep two metres apart and follow all Public Health England guidance.”***

Nick Welch, Technical Director at RTITB

***“We are committed to delivering training to Critical Workers following HSE and Public Health England guidelines. For any companies who fit the criteria outlined by the HSE, we are here to help and have Instructors available by accredited by either AITT, RTITB or ITSSAR”***

Vince J Hueston, Director at HL Training Services