

What's the next step?

In the first instance you need to contact an NPTC registered Assessment Centre who offers this qualification. To find your nearest Assessment Centre, go to NPTC's website www.nptc.org.uk and follow the link "Assessment Centres".

The Assessment centre will be able to advise on the training and assessment of the qualification.

We strongly advise that all candidates attend a course of instruction before the assessment to ensure that they are properly equipped with the knowledge, skills and resources for a successful assessment. Training can be provided through registered training providers/instructors, local training groups or colleges.

Candidate's will be assessed "competent" or "not yet competent".

When all of your assessments have been completed your local assessment centre will forward the results to NPTC so that the certificate and ID cards can be issued, a process which normally takes about four weeks.

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All Terrain Vehicle Handling



About the Qualifications

There is a perception that these machines are “fun” and easy to drive and handle. The reality is that they require a high level of skill to drive and handle safely and competently. The assessment covers pre-use checks and maintenance, instrument and control recognition and safe driving of All terrain Vehicles (Quad bikes and mules etc). The assessment also includes manoeuvring the vehicle on rough terrain or slopes and reversing with a trailer. The certificate is endorsed according to the type of ATV used (either sit- astride or sit-in). This is not a driving licence.

Key Points

It is suitable for candidates:-

- who wish to develop skills in all terrain vehicle handling
- who wish to add new skills to their portfolio
- who wish to be identified as competent operators
- who wish to promote a professional image

Benefits of the Qualification

A certificate of competence demonstrates that the successful candidate has practical skill, technical knowledge and ability which has been independently and reliably assessed.

Assessment

The assessment requires a practical demonstration of the candidate’s competence in driving and handling an ATV safely in an off-road situation. Underpinning knowledge and understanding will be assessed orally.

Candidates who provide their own vehicle must ensure that it complies with legal requirements and is safe to use for each of the skills. The operator’s/manufacturer’s handbook must be available to the candidate and the assessor.

Candidates must provide their own PPE.

Any breach of safety regulations will result in the assessment being terminated.

Units of the Qualification

Unit 1 Pre-use safety – ATV’s

Unit 2 Operate the All Terrain Vehicle

Unit 3 Completion of task- ATV’s

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- State legal and safety requirements relating to the use of ATV’s.
- Carry out appropriate pre-start checks on the ATV
- Take appropriate action arising from checks
- Conduct a risk assessment of the task to be undertaken
- Explain additional considerations that need to be made when riding an ATV with a trailed attachment
- Prepare for work
- Select and wear appropriate PPE
- Start the ATV
- Handle the ATV safely on rough terrain including slopes
- Attach a trailer or trailed attachment securely to the ATV
- Manoeuvre vehicle in a variety of terrain whilst towing, including reversing round a corner
- State the required underpinning knowledge that supports the operation

Copies of the schedules detailing the assessment criteria for all of the above units can be downloaded from our website at:- www.nptc.org.uk/assessment-schedules.

