

### 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](http://www.nptc.org.uk) follow the link to '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 independent training providers/instructors, local training groups or colleges.

Candidates 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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## Tractor Driving and Related Operations



### About the Qualifications

It covers the safe driving of a tractor, pre-use maintenance and safety checks, and recognition of controls and instruments. The test covers the use of the tractor in a range of situations. During the assessment the tractor is to be driven safely and correctly around a suitable course (including reversing with a trailer). Also covers trailer hitching and attaching 3-point linkage and PTO driven attachments. There is an optional unit that covers the use of a tractor fitted with a front end loader. The certificate is endorsed accordingly. (This is not a driving licence).

### Key Points

It is suitable for candidates:

- who wish to develop skills in tractor driving
- 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 experience, technical knowledge and ability which have been independently and reliably assessed.

### Assessment

The assessment requires a practical demonstration of the candidate's competence for the unit being taken. Underpinning knowledge and understanding will be assessed orally.

Candidates who provide their own tractor and equipment must ensure that it complies with legal requirements and is safe to use for each of the skills listed.

The operator's/maker's handbook must be available to the candidate and assessor.

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



### Units of the Qualification

The assessment is divided into 4 units

- Unit 1** Pre-use safety- tractors (compulsory)
- Unit 2** Operate the tractor (compulsory)
- Unit 3** Hitch trailer and three point linkage implement to the tractor (compulsory)
- Unit 4** Operate loader (optional)

The qualifications will be endorsed either

- a) Tractor Driving or
- b) Tractor Driving and Loader

Qualification endorsement a) are required to successfully achieve units 1, 2 and 3. Candidates seeking qualification endorsement b) are required to successfully achieve units 1, 2, 3 and 4.

### Knowledge to be assessed

- Legal requirements
- Safety regulations
- Safe driving techniques- with heavily loaded trailers, mounted implements, up and down hills, across slopes, turning on slopes, over rough ground
- Methods of operating to maximise fuel economy
- Interpret instrumental readings
- Function of controls
- Safe operating procedures

### Skills to be assessed

- Inspection of tractor for serviceability
- Undertake daily maintenance routine
- Carry out pre-start checks
- Starting the engine
- Driving and checking brake operation
- Carry out correct parking routine
- Hitching to a trailer and a PTO driven mounted machine
- Manoeuvring with a trailer and a PTO mounted machine
- Detaching and parking trailer and machine
- Cleaning and inspecting of tractor

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](http://www.nptc.org.uk/assessment-schedules).