

FACT SHEET 02

How long does a fork lift licence last?

There is no such thing as a fork lift truck driver's licence! There is no central licensing authority.

Your employer has a general duty under section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to provide information, instruction, training and supervision to ensure the health and safety of their employees.

Under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 employers are required to 'ensure that all persons who use work equipment have received adequate training for purposes of health and safety, including training in the methods which may be adopted when using the work equipment, any risks which such use may entail and precautions to be taken'.

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 also place duties on employers to provide training. By not providing you with any training at all, your employer could be breaking the law. [L117, the ACOP for rider-operated lift trucks](#) includes the requirements for basic lift truck training.

As there is no such thing as a fork lift licence there can be no expiry date. However, as per L117, refresher training and retesting is recommended for operators. See fact sheet 12 for further information.

The information in this Fact Sheet has been assembled and interpreted to give truck owners and users basic guidance on frequently asked questions. Further important information will be given in the quoted reference documents. Responsibility for meeting the safety obligations discussed rests with the employer, and the FLTA will not accept liability for any problem arising as a result of the content of this document. Technical Bulletins, containing more detailed information and updated as appropriate, are made available free to members of the FLTA SAFE USER GROUP.

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