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PLASA NATIONAL RIGGING CERTIFICATE

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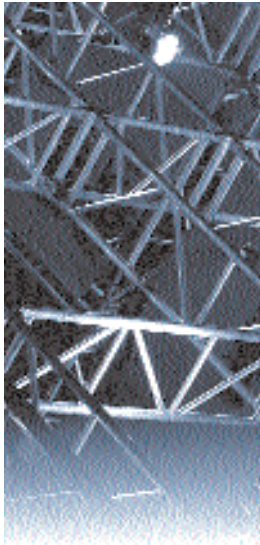


The PLASA National Rigging Certificate

Can you demonstrate to a potential client or employer that you are an experienced, competent and safe rigger? Without any formal requirement to have met a recognized standard, providing proof is not that easy.

All that is about to change with PLASA - the Professional Lighting and Sound Association - leading the development of the new National Rigging Certificate.

The PLASA National Rigging Certificate is an award that will allow you to demonstrate that you've attained a professional standard within your chosen rigging discipline. On gaining the award, you'll be issued with a certificate and your own official PLASA Rigging Photo ID card. You will also be expected to maintain your own rigging logbook as a detailed record of your rigging experience.



Why do you need the PLASA Rigging Certificate?

Being competent and having the right skills to do your job safely is a fundamental requirement of today's health and safety legislation. Not only will the National Rigging Certificate demonstrate your capability to do your job, it will also provide evidence that you understand the requirements of working safely. Employers, venues, production companies and the self-employed are all expected to operate in a safe manner, so the need to prove to those who control the workplace that you can work safely and competently is not only good practice, but a legal requirement under Health and Safety Legislation.

How will it work?

The framework of the National Rigging Certificate is based on **work-based** assessment and the use of National Occupational Standards - it is important to stress at this stage, that this is not a training scheme. Occupational standards or units are statements of performance - in other words a measure of what people in a particular occupation are expected to be able to do. A number of occupational standards collectively grouped together will make up the qualification and so lead to a certificate.

Assessment of the candidates will be carried out by **rigging subject experts** who must hold the A1 Assessors Award - the national standard for assessment. Delivery of the assessments will be through **assessment centres** which have been approved by the awarding body to deliver the qualification. These are likely to be industry providers who have achieved the A1 award. Assessments will take place either at the assessment centre or in the individual's workplace. The framework of the certificate allows for progression through levels that acknowledge an increase in knowledge and responsibility.

defining standards

The **PLASA Rigging Advisory Group** was recently formed and is made up of volunteers from within the industry. The role of the Advisory Group is to agree the criteria that applies to this qualification. They will also be tasked with ensuring that the PLASA Rigging Certificate is current and relevant to the activities of the industry. The process will be managed and administered by PLASA in consultation with the rigging industry.

What about Prior Experience?

The assessment process is a combination of practical observation of what you do, a check of your underpinning knowledge - checking that you know why you do what you do - and lastly accrediting prior learning and experience, which could include witness testimonies, qualifications and previous time served as a rigger. Clearly, the longer you've been working in the industry the easier it will be to provide the evidence required. To maintain consistency, everyone will be assessed to the same occupational standards.

How much will this cost?

The costs of the Certificate are still being discussed with the Rigging Advisory Group. However, it will ultimately fall to the assessment centres to determine the cost of gaining this. All centres will be aware that the costs have to be realistic and affordable in order for individuals to afford the assessment. There will also be a nominal charge for the PLASA Rigging Photo ID card which is likely to be in the region of £35.00.

How can I register?

To be added to the Rigging database as a potential PLASA National Rigging Certificate candidate either register your details by using the form overleaf or go to our website **www.plasa.org/rigging**. This will ensure you get all the relevant details as soon as they are available.

In the meantime, we are also looking for volunteers to take part in a pilot scheme commencing shortly - please indicate on the form overleaf if you would like to be considered.

How will the process work once the scheme is live?

Stage 1

Register with PLASA: your name and details will be entered onto the Rigging Certificate database.

Stage 2

Apply to an assessment centre - a list of centres will be included on the PLASA website.

Stage 3

Establish the level of the qualification you will be working towards. This will be achieved by talking with the assessor at the assessment centre.

Stage 4

Assessment takes place - either at the centre or in your workplace. The candidate may be asked by the assessor to produce further evidence - e.g. Log book or signed witness statements to prove work experience.

Stage 5

Certificate Awarded - The certificate and PLASA Rigging ID Card is awarded upon successful achievement of all the units within the level you are working towards.

The PLASA National Rigging Certificate **Registration Form**

Please note this is a register of interest, not an application form to join the scheme. Once you have completed the form, please post it to the address below.

You can also register online at www.plasa.org/rigging

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Full Name of Individual _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Country _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Years Worked as a Rigger _____

Are you willing to take part in the NRC Pilot Scheme? Yes No

COMPANY REGISTRATION

Company Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Country _____

Tel _____ Fax _____ Website _____

Contact Name _____

Direct E-mail _____

How many members of your team would be participating in the scheme (approximately)? _____

Are you willing to take part in the NRC Pilot Scheme ? Yes No

PLEASE POST TO Rigging Certification, PLASA, Redoubt House, 1 Edward Road, Eastbourne, BN23 8AS, UK.

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