

# Level 2 Award in Tractor Driving and Related Operations



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Agriculture	Short Course	Weekday	3 days	Various

## The Course

If you want to learn how to safely drive a tractor, about pre-use maintenance and safety checks, as well as how to recognise controls and instruments, this course is for you. This qualification is issued for life, however NPTC recommends that refresher training is carried out every three to four years. As well as being held at the college, this course can be delivered on your own site, using your own equipment, to ensure that your employees are trained in the environment they are most familiar with and at a time that best suits you.

## What You Will Study

- > Identifying hazards specific to the site, task and machine
- > Identifying and explaining the function of all instruments and controls on the machine
- > Carrying out daily pre-use checks to the tractor
- > Demonstrating knowledge of potential hazards that could arise when using a tractor and the correct procedure/precautions to be observed when driving with heavily loaded trailers and implements
- > Mounting the vehicle, carrying out safety checks and starting the engine
- > Using a tractor on or near the public highway or other areas to which the public has access
- > Hitching a tractor to a trailer and connecting hydraulic coupling(s)
- > Driving a tractor and trailer around a designated course as outlined by the assessor, to include negotiating corners, gear changing and reversing in a confined space
- > Tipping the trailer, uncoupling and parking the tractor safely
- > Attaching a three-point linkage implement to the tractor, observing safe practice at all times
- > Attaching a PTO driven machine to the tractor and fitting a PTO shaft
- > Factors to consider when using PTO shaft

## Entry Requirements

You must be a minimum of 16 years old to take this course.

## Time Required on Campus

This course runs across three days. It can be held on campus or at your business.

## Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Overalls
- > Steel toe capped boots
- > High visibility vest

## Progression

You could progress to study Fork Lift Truck Operations.