

Annex B

Specific criteria for the Assessment and Verification of Warehousing and Storage and Fork Lift Truck Operations

Assessors

In the case of qualifications titled **Warehousing and Storage** and **Forklift Truck Operations** (**including Forklift Truck** (**Counterbalance**) **Operations**, where the candidate uses lifting and positioning equipment within the scope of the ACOP L117 (or any successor ACOP), assessors *should* have undertaken training as recommended in ACOP L117 (or any successor ACOP) and thereby hold a certificate issued by a Health and Safety Executive approved Accrediting Body attesting to their having undertaken training for the type of equipment on which assessment is to take place.

If an assessor does not hold such a certificate, the Awarding Organisation *must* satisfy itself (through documentary evidence) that the assessor has undertaken appropriate other training in the operation of such equipment and has current experience in the operation of that equipment.

Expert witness

Where the assessor has not undertaken the specific training, or does not hold a certificate ('licence') for the type of equipment on which the assessment is to take place, the testimony of an expert witness should be sought.

An expert witness **must** be someone who is both competent on the type of equipment and is working sufficiently closely with the candidate to be able to comment on their operating ability. Competence may be demonstrated by the achievement of a 'licence' or evidence of specific training.

The expert witness is not consulted as a professional assessor, but as someone who is expert in the use of the type of equipment being used.