

SITE EVIDENCE · A40

Statement of Training and Competence Assessment

Slinger/Signaller A40 · Endorsement A - all types, all duties · issued for presentation to site management and health and safety personnel

Field	Entry
Operator	Fred Bloggs
Qualification	Slinger/Signaller A40
Scope on certificate	Endorsement A - all types, all duties
Assessed and awarded	August 2026
Certificates held	VQ Award (PHW-A40-FB-0826-A) and Certificate of Unit Credit (PHW-A40-FB-0826-UC)
Instructor / Assessor	Adrian Whetton, PHW Services Ltd
Assessor qualifications	A1 Assessor Award · V1 Internal Verifier Award
Evidence file reference	PHW-EF-FB-0826

1. Basis of the qualification

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The VQ is structured operator training with formal theory and practical assessment, delivered and assessed by a qualified instructor and assessor, and internally verified. It evidences the BASIC TRAINING and JOB-SPECIFIC stages of competence. Site-specific familiarisation and the employer's written authorisation to operate complete the picture.

2. Theory assessment: what was completed

A 45-question written theory test, answered in the candidate's own handwriting, covering:

- The slinger/signaller role
- Where the role sits in a lifting operation: the lift plan, the Appointed Person and the Lift Supervisor
- Lifting accessories: types, marking and thorough examination
- Load weight, centre of gravity and sling angle
- Signals and communication
- Characteristic causes of harm

Pass standard: 80% (36 of 45). The following are designated safety-critical and must be answered correctly irrespective of the overall score:

- The three key duties LOLER 1998 places on a lifting operation: properly planned, supervised and carried out safely
- No person may be under a suspended load at any time; the exclusion zone is maintained for the whole travel path
- The four things the slinger must know before any load is lifted: weight, centre of gravity, lifting points and travel path
- A 2 tonne load on a two-leg sling at 90 degrees included angle: each leg carries approximately 1.4 tonnes, about 0.7 of the total
- Defects that take a chain sling out of service
- Edge protection fitted wherever a sling passes over a corner or edge
- The signaller's position: continuous clear view of the operator, outside the exclusion zone and out of the load path
- Minimum distances from overhead electricity lines: plus 9 metres for wooden poles, plus 15 metres for steel pylons
- A load must never be dragged sideways before it is lifted clear; it must be lifted vertically over its centre of

gravity

Unit-by-unit knowledge questioning was also recorded and signed for each unit listed in section 5.

The question paper and marking crib are controlled assessment materials and are not published. They are held in the candidate's evidence file and are available for inspection by site management on request.

3. Practical assessment: what was completed

Structured exercises, each marked against observed performance criteria. Every criterion must reach COMPETENT. Any dangerous act terminates the assessment.

1. Exercise 1, accessory selection and pre-use inspection (Units 405, 404, 641): identify load weight and centre of gravity, select accessories of the correct type and rating for the configuration and angle, read and confirm the marked safe working load and identification on every accessory, inspect chain, webbing/roundsling and shackles and identify planted defects, quarantine and report a defective accessory, confirm thorough examination is current
2. Exercise 2, attaching the load (Units 402, 404): select the correct lifting points and sling configuration, attach above the centre of gravity so the load hangs level on the trial lift, keep the included angle within limits and apply the correct mode factor, fit edge protection at all corners and edges, seat shackle pins and hooks correctly with catches closed, fit tag lines where required
3. Exercise 3, signalling and moving the load (Units 402, 406): establish and maintain the exclusion zone with nobody under the load, position in continuous clear view of the operator and clear of the load path, give clear and unambiguous standard hand signals, perform the trial lift and check stability before committing, control swing and rotation with tag lines only, demonstrate the emergency stop and loss-of-communication procedure, use radio procedure correctly for a blind lift
4. Exercise 4, landing and releasing the load (Units 402, 643): confirm the landing area is firm, level and prepared with timbers or dunnage, land the load stable and clear of access routes, keep hands clear of trap points throughout, release and withdraw slings without dragging or snagging, confirm the load is secure before leaving it
5. Exercise 5, accessory care and housekeeping (Units 405, 643, 642): clean and return accessories to correct storage, rack by type and capacity with damaged items quarantined, keep the work and landing area clear throughout, report the completed lift to the supervisor

4. Assessment decision

Having examined the candidate's theoretical knowledge and observed their operating skills against the criteria above, the assessor deemed Fred Bloggs COMPETENT within the stated scope, and the qualification was awarded in August 2026.

The decision trail, meaning the questioning records, the marked handwritten test paper and the signed practical checklists, is held in the candidate's evidence file, retained for the life of the certificate plus three years, and is available to site management for verification on request.

5. Units assessed

Ref	Unit title
641	Conforming to General Health, Safety and Welfare in the Workplace
642	Conforming to Productive Working Practices in the Workplace
643	Moving, Handling and Storing Resources in the Workplace
402	Attaching, Lifting and Moving Suspended Loads in the Workplace (Slinger/Signaller)
404	Preparing and Securing Loads for Movement Using Lifting Accessories in the Workplace
405	Maintaining Work Equipment and Accessories in the Workplace
406	Signalling for the Movement of Loads in the Workplace

Unit references are PHW Services internal references. They identify the units of competence assessed; they are not awarding-organisation unit numbers.

6. For site management

- This statement evidences basic and job-specific training. Site-specific familiarisation and the employer's written authorisation to operate are separate and remain the employer's duty.
- This qualification records the training and assessment PHW Services carried out. It is evidence the employer can rely on when meeting its own duty under PUWER 1998 regulation 9. Whether that duty is met remains a matter for the employer.
- Refresher and reassessment is recommended at three to five years, or sooner following an incident, a near miss, a change of machine or a prolonged break from the work.
- To verify: contact Adrian Whetton at PHW Services quoting the operator name and the certificate reference shown above.

Operator training and the law

The page below holds this qualification in full: the certificates, the theory and practical assessment record, and the legal position on operator training.



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<https://phw-verify.pages.dev/v/FB0826/slinger-signaller/>

Assessor name and signature	Date	Company stamp (optional)

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