

Tug Master Course

Our Tug Master Courses are accredited through ITSSAR and will provide candidates with the basic knowledge and practical skills to operate a Tug Master.

The course will comprise theoretical and practical instruction covering the following:

- Responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974; PUWER (1998); LOLER (1998); (HSG 136) Workplace Transport Safety and The Dock Regulations
- Definitions of accidents, hazards and risks
- Company policy
- Factors affecting stability
- Identification of components and introduction to the unit
- Daily inspections and fault recording
- Manoeuvring in open and confined areas (tug)
- Demonstration of driving
- Explanation and demonstration of coupling and uncoupling procedures
- Manoeuvring in open and confined areas (tug and trailer)
- Safe operations when using goose necks
- Coupling and uncoupling procedures with a mafi
- Safety when working with tankers/live loads
- Safe operations on board ship
- Parking trailers and mafi's in set parking bays (easy and blind side)
- Positioning trailers for loading ships
- Operators safety code
- Parking and post stop checks

Knowledge:

On completion of training candidates will have gained a theoretical understanding of the following: -

- Responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974; PUWER 98; LOLER (1998); (HSG 136) Workplace Transport Safety and The Dock Regulations
- Accidents, hazards and risks
- Company policy
- Factors affecting stability
- Components and introduction the unit
- Daily inspections and fault recording
- Controls
- Manoeuvring in open and confined areas (tug)
- Driving
- Coupling and uncoupling procedures with a mafi
- Safety when working with tankers/live loads
- Safe operations on board ship
- Parking trailers and mafis in set parking bays (easy and blind side)
- Positioning trailers for loading ships
- Operators safety code
- Parking and post stop checks

Skill:

On successful completion of training the candidate will be able to: -

- Carry out pre start safety checks and start up procedures as per company policy
- The ability to manoeuvre and operate a tug master, trailer and mafi correctly withing the manufactures recommendations and to the operator's safety code
- Couple and uncouple a goose neck
- Connect and disconnect from a mafi
- Park trailers and mafis in set parking bays (easy and blind side)
- Position trailers for loading ships
- Correctly park, shut down and secure the vehicle
- Carry out post stop inspection

The duration of the course varies depending on the candidate's previous experience from a 1day periodic refresher course, a 2 day existing operator course to a 5 day novice course for new operators

On successfully passing the practical skills test candidates will be issued with an ITSSAR accredited certificate and registered on the ITSSAR TOPS database.

Refresher training is recommended every 3 years.

Contact a member of the team on 0191 4384702 for further details