



OBSERVATION FORM



As employer, it is your responsibility to ensure your operators receive training specific to the equipment and gear they will be using, as well as the situation in which that equipment will be used. The training presentation and written exam satisfies the requirements for classroom training. But to be in complete compliance, regulations dictate that operators/workers must also pass a practical examination administered by a qualified trainer.

This is the employer's opportunity to observe trainees in a controlled environment in order to assess whether they have successfully applied the principles from the classroom instruction.

While regulations do not specifically outline the extent of such an observation, you should take ample time to observe the trainee practicing the tasks they will be performing on the work site. At the very least, this should include carrying out a pre-shift inspection as well as other basic principles that govern safe operations or work practices.

If any voice and hand signals are required as part of the job, the trainee should also demonstrate an understanding of these signals and their corresponding functions.

To assist with this responsibility, we have provided a general form you may use when administering the practical examination. Feel free to modify this guide to create one more specific to your employee, equipment, worksite, or job needs.

HOW TO USE IT:

- 1 Simply **OBSERVE** the trainee's competency based on the modules included.
- 2 Follow the list, **CHECKING THE BOX** to indicate whether they satisfactorily performed each task.
- 3 When done, **SIGN AND FILE** this form along with the examination record and certificate.

WORK SAFE, STAY SAFE



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EMPLOYEE'S NAME: _____ TOPIC/EQUIPMENT: _____

EVALUATOR'S NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

The purpose of the evaluation form is to aid the evaluator in assessing the worker's competency to safely apply in the field the principles learned in the classroom. Items may be added or deleted depending on the working environment or the needs of your employees and company.

SATISFACTORY?		TASK	REMARKS
YES	NO		
PRE-SHIFT (VISUAL, FUNCTIONAL):			
		Checks Gas, Oil, & Other Fluids	
		Nuts, Bolts, Pins	
		Battery & Other Electric Components	
		Blades	
		Air Filter	
		Grass Chute/Hopper	
		Safety Guards	
		Controls & Locks	
		Lights	
		Tires/Wheels	
		Hydraulic Components	
		Hoses/Nozzles	
		Tubes	
		Spark Plugs	
		Capacity Plates, Labels, Warnings	
		Operator's Manual/Maintenance Chart	
		HazCom	
OPERATIONAL CHECKS:			
		Horn	
		Operator Controls	
		Test Hydraulic Functions	
		Blade/String Rotation	
		Water/Air Pressure	
		Pumps	
		Rollers	
OPERATIONS:			
		Proper Mounting/Dismounting	
		Engages Seat Belt	
		Starter Cord/Levers/Wheel	
		Engage/Disengage Parking Brake	
		Safe Pace/Speed	
		Demonstrates Understanding of Stability/Slope Travel	
		Communication/Hand Signals	



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		Attachment Security	
		Demonstrates Knowledge of Transportation	
		Demonstrates Careful Use of Blades/String/Hose	
		Demonstrates Knowledge of Kickback Prevention	
		Demonstrates Careful Use of Chemicals & Liquids	
		Demonstrates Backing Up	
		Proper Observation of the Worksite	

Supervisor/Trainer Name & Signature

Date