

OPERATOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION



As employer, it is your responsibility to ensure your operators are trained 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 and observation portion.

This is the employer's opportunity to watch the trainee in a controlled environment in order to assess whether or not they have successfully applied in the field what he or she learned in the classroom.

While regulations do not specifically outline the extent of such an observation, you should take the time to observe them in regards to the jobs they will be performing on a daily basis. At the very least, this should entail going through a pre-shift inspection as well as basic principles governing safe operations or work practices.

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

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

HOW TO USE IT: *It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 . . .*

1. Simply observe their knowledge based on the modules included.
2. Go down the list, checking off that they satisfactorily performed each task.
3. When done, sign it and file it along with the examination and certificate.

Work Safe, Stay Safe

Landscaping Safety Worker Evaluation Form

Operator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

The purpose of the land scaping safety evaluation form is to aid the evaluator in assessing the worker's competency to safely work on and near land scaping equipment. Items may be added or deleted depending on the working environment or the needs of your company.

Pre-shift:

	Sat.	Unsat.	Remarks
Check Gas, Oil, and other fluids			
Nuts, Bolts, Pins			
Battery and other electric components as needed			
Blades (clear of debris as needed)			
Air Filter (clean if needed)			
Grass Chute/Hopper (clear as needed)			
Safety Guards			
Controls and Locks			
Lights			
Tires/Wheels			
Hydraulic Components			
Hoses/Nozzles			
Tubes			
Spark Plugs			
Cap. Plates, Labels, Warnings			
Operator's Manual/Maintenance Chart			
Hazcom			

Operation Checks ("Key On"):

	Sat.	Unsat.	Remarks
Horn			
Operator Controls			
Test Hydraulic Functions			
Blade/String Rotation			
Water/Air Pressure			
Pumps			
Rollers			

Operations:

	Sat.	Unsat.	Remarks
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			

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

Supervisor/Trainer Name & Signature

Date