



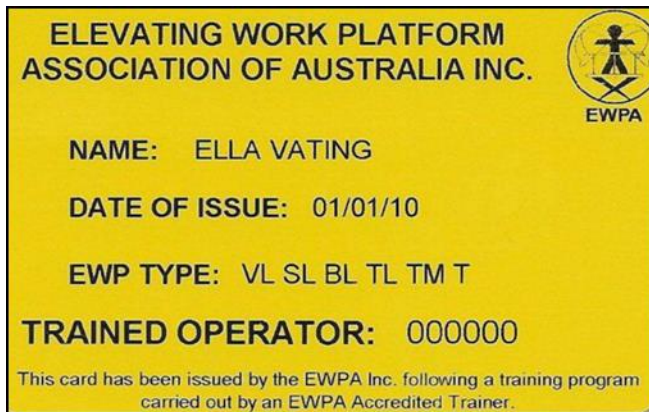
ELEVATING WORK PLATFORM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

INFORMATION SHEET

OLD AND NEW YELLOW CARD TRAINING PROGRAMS

The purpose of this document is to clarify the differences between the old and the new Yellow Card Training Programs.

OLD CARD



NEW CARD



OLD YELLOW CARD TRAINING PROGRAM: 1987 – 30 June 2013

The old Yellow Card program was originally designed as Duty of Care training and was a toolbox style delivery.

The content was driven by industry needs; and assisted in meeting duty of care requirements under the OHS/WHS Acts and Regulations in place during that period.

NEW YELLOW CARD INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM: since 1 July 2013

- The introduction of the new course included the following changes:
- Additional content on risk management.
- Newly designed learning and assessment resources mapped to a Unit of Competency from the Resources and Infrastructure (RII) Training Package.
- A move from Duty of Care style delivery to Competency-Based training and assessment.
- Modular style training allowing future addition of different EWP types in a short format.
- The new training program now has a pathway to a Statement of Attainment.
- Photo card and the specific make and model of EWP used in training and assessment is recorded.
- The need for a training program that has a pathway to a Statement of Attainment
- A 5 year expiry date which requires the holder to undergo online or face to face refresher training to ensure their skills and knowledge remain current.
- Ability to check the validity of a card via a QR Code or online using the EWPA database.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q.** *Must I now have the new Yellow Card to be able to continue to operate a EWP?*
- A.** No. Both old and new cards meet the responsibilities placed upon PCBU's, employers and operators under the past and present OHS/WHS Acts and Regulations.
- Q.** *What was the reason for changing the program if the old Yellow Card training met regulatory requirements at the time?*
- A.** The EWPA's reasoning for change is our industry wanted an improved outcome from the training. Research revealed that members and industry wanted more in-depth training with pathways to Statements of Attainment, more content, refresher training and a program that could react quickly to changes in industry, as well as more close alignment to the requirements of amended WHS/OHS Acts and Regulations introduced in 2011-2012.
- Q.** *Can I just change my old Yellow Card to the new one?*
- A.** Unfortunately, there is no provision for holders of an old Yellow Card to upgrade to the new Yellow Card without attending the new training course. The old Yellow Card content does not directly map to the new program. However, there are shorter format assessment only and gap training allowances in the new program for experienced EWP operators.
- Q.** *What happens if I come onto a site and I'm told that I must have the new photo Yellow Card?*
- A.** This requirement will be site-specific and should be complied with. This is NOT driven by the EWPA. The Association would recommend that if operators feel their skills are no longer current, retraining will be of benefit to you.

The EWPA's position is that both the old and the new training programs are acceptable under the OHS and WHS Acts and Regulations.

The EWPA is guided by industry to self-determine if the old Yellow Card meets PCBU/Employers current risk management and WHS/OHS compliance requirements.

About the EWPA

The purpose of the EWPA is to ensure safety as well as support and promote the Elevating Work Platform industry.

The EWPA is dedicated to ensuring members are kept up to date with the latest safety information relating to the operation and regulations regarding the use of elevated work platforms. This is done through the wide range of services and benefits made available to members of the EWPA. These services include access to the EWPA Operator License Training Scheme (Yellow Card), industry advice lines, master agreements and specialised stationary available to order.

Should you wish to find out more about the EWPA please visit www.ewpa.com.au or call 02 9998 2222

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