

<b>Test sequence</b>	<p><b>ACTIVITY GUIDELINES</b></p> <p><b>The learner must:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess and identify any hazards in the testing area before any activity takes place</li> <li>• Discuss operations with plant machinery operator at the start of the test and the start of each additional activity</li> <li>• The plant machinery marshal must discuss and agree the hand signals and radio protocol before any activity starts</li> <li>• All additional test requirements can be completed in any order</li> <li>• Guide the plant machinery using hand signals and a radio communication</li> <li>• Completed within the given time scale</li> </ul>
<b>Marshal safety &amp; observations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plant machinery used for the test must be serviceable and meet the current legislation</li> <li>• The learner must walk the test course and identify to the plant vehicle operator the designated safe zones and any proximity hazards</li> <li>• Wear appropriate high visibility clothing and be clearly identifiable</li> </ul>
<b>Guide plant machinery</b>	<p><b>The learner must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correctly prepare the plant machinery for travel</li> <li>• Guide the plant machinery through a chicane applying the full steering range in a reverse direction using hand signals</li> <li>• Guide the plant machinery in a reverse direction into a confined area using radio communications then return the vehicle from the confined area and set back at the original start point</li> <li>• Guide the plant machinery from the confined area through a chicane applying the full steering range in a forward direction using both hand signals returning to the start position</li> <li>• Tip and receive a load (if applicable)</li> <li>• Carry out an emergency stop</li> <li>• Guide the vehicle up to a structure using hand signals</li> </ul>
<b>Shutdown procedures</b>	<p><b>The learner must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plant machinery must be returned to the initial start position to complete the end of the test</li> </ul>

<b>Additional notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test area must be sufficient in size and segregated from normal working activities</li> <li>• Appropriate equipment suitable for reversing and manoeuvring into and from restricted areas. i.e. cones, marker tape barriers etc</li> <li>• Confined area must be a clearance of 300mm plus the width of the vehicle used</li> <li>• Stopping distance from a structure must be within 500mm from the rear extremity of the vehicle</li> <li>• Suitable surface to undertake the given tasks</li> <li>• The plant machinery would ideally be wheeled to aid the chicane task</li> <li>• The plant machinery should be equipped with appropriate audible reversing warning system and visible side mounted rear view mirrors</li> <li>• The plant machinery must be operated by a qualified and certificated operator</li> <li>• All risk assessments and method statements must be communicated and agreed by all involved in the test process</li> <li>• Prior to the test starting the test area must be segregated and cordoned off with a designated entry and exit zone</li> <li>• The NPORS instructor cannot assume the role of the plant machinery operator</li> <li>• Once the test has started all communication should come from the candidate</li> <li>• The NPORS instructor should only intervene in the test process if the candidate puts himself or other personnel in danger</li> <li>• Hand signals must conform to those listed in the current HSE guidance document L64 Safety Signs and Signals regulations 1996, BS7121 and BS6736 may also be considered</li> </ul>
<b>Test timings</b>	Maximum permitted time is twice the rehearsed time of the instructor
<b>Note</b>	It is recommended that all learners completing basic training receive a minimum 7hr Health, Safety, Environment and Induction Training