

Information Sheet

OLD YELLOW CARDS (PRE-JULY 2013) NO LONGER BEING REISSUED

The EWPA Operator Training Program or “EWPA Yellow Card” was created as the result of the EWPA working with industry, helping them to comply with the WHS/OHS Acts and Regulation. This Yellow Card program was designed to ensure that the Yellow Card holder is trained in the safe use and operation of various types of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs or commonly referred to as EWPs).

The overall intention of the EWPA Yellow Card Program is to assist operators, employers, equipment owners and manufacturers to more easily be able to comply with the WHS/OHS Regulation.

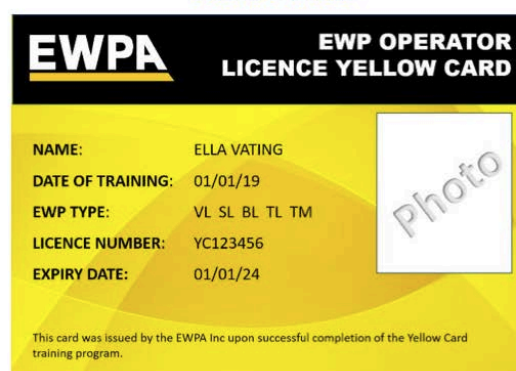
Current WHS/OHS Regulations require that operators of plant equipment must undergo activity-based instruction and training. As a result, **from January 2024 old EWPA Yellow Cards will not be replaced / reissued by the EWPA**, and the EWPA encourages holders of these old cards to update their Yellow Card and receive current MEWP Operator Training.

OLD AND NEW EWPA YELLOW CARD TRAINING PROGRAMS

OLD CARD



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Old Yellow Card Training Program: 1987 – 30 June 2013

The old EWPA 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 this period.

New EWPA Yellow Card Industry Training Program: since 1 July 2013

In July 2013 the Yellow Card Training Program was updated to closely align with the requirements of the state's WHS/OHS Acts and Regulations. The new course included the following changes:

- Additional content on risk management
- The course is now 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 the future addition of different EWP types
- The new training program now has a pathway to a Statement of Attainment
- Photo id and the specific make and model of the EWP used in training and assessment is recorded
- A 5-year expiry date requiring 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 QR code or online

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can I just change my old Yellow Card to the new one?

A. There is no provision for holders of an old Yellow Card to upgrade to the new EWPA Yellow Card without attending the new training course. The old Yellow Card content does not directly map to the new program. However the new program allows flexibility in training to take into account prior knowledge and experience.

Q. I have lost my old card, can I get a replacement Yellow Card?

A. The EWPA are not replacing Yellow Cards received from training delivered prior to July 2013. Since this time the Yellow Card Training has been significantly updated.

The EWPA recommend that everyone updated their Yellow Card and received current MEWP Operator Training.

Q. Can I keep using my old EWPA Yellow Card? Is the old card not acceptable?

A. The EWPA's recommendation is that operators with the old style EWPA Yellow Card update their skills by undertaking face to face training. You may find many sites will no longer accept the old style card and site specific rules must be complied with. Up to date training can be done by finding an Accredited Trainer on the EWPA website and attending the 1-day training course. We will still keep records of the old card to demonstrate that you were trained under the old Program.

Q. Is this change, just to ensure all cards include a photo?

A. No it is not about the photo ID. The EWPA Yellow Card Training course has been significantly updated and this change has been made to ensure all EWPA Yellow Cards issued meet current WHS Regulations.

Q. What if you change the course again? Will I need to get training every time you make a change? No. With the update in the course, we also introduced an online renewal course. You do every 5 years to keep your training up to date. This is an effective way to keep operators up-to-date with safe work practices. We regularly update and improve the EWPA Yellow Card Training Program, including the online renewal course. Please ensure you keep your details with the EWPA (email and phone number) up to date and you will be notified when your card is due to expire and provided with details on how to renew.

Q. I have regularly operated MEWPs and have kept my practical skills current. Why do I need new training?

EWPA Yellow Card Training is based on assessing the operator's competency in safely operating a MEWP. It includes a classroom component as well as practical assessment. The training includes any safety messages that may help operators avoid taking risks when working at height.

If you have been regularly using a MEWP then you should have no concerns with the training and you may find some helpful lessons to keep you and others safe.

About the EWPA

As the voice representing the access industry, the EWPA is at the forefront of best practice and safety. The aim of the EWPA is to advance the safe use of MEWPs in Australia and to support a safe and skilled workforce. We do this by providing safety and technical resources plus training programs including the EWPA Yellow Card.