



Q: Do I Have to Train Forklift Operators

A: Yes, it is a legal requirement

This comes under Regulation 9 of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER 98) which states:

“Every employer shall ensure that all persons who use work equipment have received adequate training”

Adequate training means sufficient for the job which, for fork lift truck operators, will depend on their existing skill level and the type of truck type truck they will use.

There are also sound commercial reasons for ensuring that operators are properly trained. Skilled operators have fewer accidents. Training will reduce injuries and time lost due to poor operating skills. Training will also reduce damage to goods, buildings and trucks which will result in increased profits.