

Telescopic Handler Operator Competency/Duty of Care Training and High Risk Work/Driver Licensing Requirements in each State/Territory, according to capacity and attachment combinations

Non-Slewing Telehandlers - up to 3 tonne rated capacity (0-3000kg)			
State or Territory	Fitted with fixed or rotating forks, earthmoving bucket, crane jib/hook, work platform (when telehandler boom length is less than 11m), or any other attachment		
All	Competency/industry based training such as TSHA Gold Card or Statement of Attainment - RIIHAN309F Conduct telescopic materials handler operations		
Non-Slewing Telehandlers – over 3 tonne rated capacity (3001kg or more)			
State or Territory	Fitted with fixed or rotating forks, earthmoving bucket or any other attachment except >	Fitted with Crane Jib or Hook	Fitted with Work Platform (when telehandler boom length exceeds 11m)
ACT & VIC	High Risk Work Licence – CN Class (Non-Slewing Mobile Crane over 3t Rated Capacity)	All states/territories require High Risk Work Licence – CN Class (Non-Slewing Mobile Crane over 3t Rated Capacity)	All states/territories require High Risk Work Licence - WP Class (Boom Type EWP over 11m)
NSW, QLD, WA, NT, TAS, SA	Competency/industry based training such as TSHA Gold Card or Statement of Attainment - RIIHAN309F Conduct telescopic materials handler operations		
NOTE: CN Class is the minimum HRW Licence required where applicable, but any mobile slewing crane class (C2/C6/C1/C0) is also acceptable. Operators may still require familiarisation training with telehandler operations.			
Slewing Telehandlers - any rated capacity and attachment			
All	All states and territories require an operator to hold a High Risk Work Licence – Mobile Slewing Crane with appropriate class for the capacity of the Telehandler - HRWL Class C2/C6/C1/C0 = Mobile Slewing Crane (≤20t, ≤60t, ≤100t, >100t)		
All Telehandler Attachment Combinations			
If you are intending to use an over 3t rated capacity Telehandler with an under 3t crane jib, you will need to seek a ruling from your State/Territory WHS/OHS Regulator as to whether a CN Licence is required and whether your control measures are sufficient. If you are hiring this machine combination, you should ask your rental company for this information.			
All attachment combinations must be manufacturer approved for use on the Telehandler and the appropriate load charts provided.			
For Telehandlers fitted with Work Platforms, click here for additional compliance requirements.			
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Operating Telehandlers on public roads – driver licence class required		
State/Territory	Driver Licensing Authority Links	Driver Licence Class notes
ACT	https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1581/~/act-driver-licence-information	Consult with ACT Govt Access Canberra for definition of tractors or implements and correct class of drivers licence required.
NSW	https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/licence/driver/licence-classes.html	Consult with NSW Roads and Maritime for definition of tractors, and implements such as graders and correct class of drivers licence required.
NT	https://nt.gov.au/driving/heavy	Consult with NT Govt Information and Services for definition of construction and agricultural vehicles and the class of drivers licence required
QLD	https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/types#special	Consult with QLD Dept of Transport and Main Roads for definition of specially constructed vehicles and the class of drivers licence required.
SA	https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/licences/licence-details/driver-s-licence-classes	Consult with SA Driving and Transport for definition of agricultural implements and correct class of drivers licence required.
TAS	https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/licensing/exemptions/tractor_exemptions	Consult with TAS Department of State Growth/Transport for tractor definitions and correct class of drivers licence required.
VIC	https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/licence-and-permit-types/driving-a-tractor	Consult with VIC Roads for tractor definitions and correct class of drivers licence required.
WA	https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/vehicle-classes.asp	Enquire directly with WA Dept of Transport

NOTE: For conditional registration requirements for operating plant on public roads, consult directly with your state/territory registration authority or the company you have hired the telehandler from.

State/ Territory WHS/OHS Regulator Links - For further information on High Risk Work Licensing for Plant Operating

ACT	WorkSafe ACT	SA	SafeWork SA
NSW	SafeWork NSW	TAS	WorkSafe TAS
NT	WorkSafe NT	VIC	WorkSafe VIC
QLD	WorkSafe QLD	WA	WorkSafe WA

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State or Territory	Link to WHS/OHS Regulator	3t & Under SWL with forks	Over 3t SWL with forks	Jib or Hook SWL 3t & under	Jib or Hook SWL over 3t	EWP Basket with under 11m boom	EWP Basket with boom over 11m	Earthmoving buckets or other fixed load attachments	Slewing TSH Any Capacity
ACT	WorkSafe ACT	DOC or Gold Card	CN#	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC**	C2/C6/C1/C0
NSW	SafeWork NSW	DOC or Gold Card	DOC/GC	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC	C2/C6/C1/C0
NT	WorkSafe NT	DOC or Gold Card	DOC/GC	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC	C2/C6/C1/C0
QLD	WorkSafe QLD	DOC or Gold Card	DOC/GC	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC	C2/C6/C1/C0
SA	SafeWork SA	DOC or Gold Card	DOC/GC	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC	C2/C6/C1/C0
TAS	WorkSafe TAS	DOC or Gold Card	DOC/GC	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC	C2/C6/C1/C0
VIC	WorkSafe VIC	DOC or Gold Card	CN#	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC**	C2/C6/C1/C0
WA	WorkSafe WA	DOC or Gold Card	DOC/GC	DOC/GC	CN#	DOC/GC	WP	DOC/GC	C2/C6/C1/C0

Legend: TSH = Telescopic Handler CN = CN Class High Risk Work Licence (Non-Slewing Mobile Crane over 3t SWL)

CN# is the minimum required class of HRW licence. Note that C2/C6/C1/C0 are also acceptable.

** Confirm directly with WHS Regulator if it is not a fixed/permanent attachment.

DOC = Duty of Care Training: eg. TSHA Gold Card (GC), Nationally Recognised Unit of Competence RIIHAN309F Conduct telescopic materials handler operations

WP = WP Class High Risk Work Licence: Boom Type Elevating Work Platform over 11m

SWL = Rated Capacity or Safe Working Load

C2/C6/C1/C0 = High Risk Work Licence: Mobile Slewing Crane (≤20t, ≤60t, ≤100t, >100t)

RCL/RCI = Rated Capacity Limiter/Indicator

LSL/LSI = Longitudinal Stability Limiter/Indicator

MCL = Maximum Capacity Limiter

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