

<b>Course Title: Winter Service Operator Refresher (7234)</b>	
<b>Duration: 1 Day</b>	<b>Certification: LASNTG Certification</b>
<b>Expiry Period: 5 Years</b>	<b>Award: Assessment Certificate</b>

### **Aim of Programme:**

The aim of this programme is to provide the winter service operative a refresher in developing the skills required to carry out winter service operations using appropriate methods in a safe and effective manner. To make operative aware of current policies, the road weather information system and the callout procedures.

### **Target Learner:**

This training programme is for learners who will have worked with or have experience in Winter Service Operations. Learners can only be Winter Service Operator.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this programme, the learner will be able to:

- Outline the relevant legislation relating to winter service operations and the various types of risk assessments.
- Highlight the contents of a winter service plan or policy and to explain the concept of Priority Routes.
- Outline the basics of the weather information system used and the decision-making process.
- Outline the different communications systems and processes used in winter service operations.
- Introduce the properties of salt and outline the selection of the rates and spreads and explain how this relates to the melting rate of ice / snow.
- Outline the various winter service operations equipment and salt depths.
- Outline how to carry out the necessary equipment checks on vehicles, bulk spreaders and snow ploughs and how to store that equipment.
- Outline the set up and operation of a demountable bulk spreader and snow plough.
- Highlight the safety and health considerations in winter service operations including, the proper use of PPE, what to do in an emergency situation (Including the proper use of emergency equipment), and risks and controls associated with lone working.
- Mount, set up and operate of a demountable bulk spreader and snow plough (including spread patterns and operation of control box) and carry out proper pre-use equipment checks, these activities will be demonstrated by the Trainer while the Learners observe.

### **Assessment:**

There is **Theory** based examination which is a Classroom Exam, with a Pass Standard of 60% and the total duration is 45 minutes.

### **Entry requirements:**

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a level of knowledge, skill and competence associated with Level 4 of the NFQ.
- Applicants must have reached the minimum requirement of a Valid Safe Pass Card or other Appropriate Construction Safety Training.
- Applicants must have successfully completed the 2 day Winter Service Operators Course within the previous 5 years and must have been actively involved in Winter Service Operation.
- The learner must have been actively snowploughing and salting for the previous 5 years including unloading and loading a snowplough and salter.

- Learners must possess a current Full Class C Driving Licence and be up to date with all CPC requirements

**Equipment/Documentation the learner must bring to course:**

- Driving Licence
- PPE:
  - Hard Hat
  - Minimum Class 2 High visibility jacket
  - High visibility bottoms
  - Safety footwear
  - Gloves
  - Hearing protection
  - Eye protection (where appropriate)

**Enquiries and Booking:**

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