

SAEMA User Training Part 1 – 1,000th card issued

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SAEMA – Specialist Access Engineering & Maintenance Association – is proud to announce that 1,000 people have now been issued with a virtual card, signifying they have passed Part 1 of SAEMA User Training.

SAEMA User Training, which was launched at the end of January 2021, is a unique way for those who work at height to be assessed on their technical understanding of the processes and equipment involved.

As a result, a greater number of engineers and operatives will be accredited as safe and competent, contributing to a safer construction industry with fewer workplace accidents.

Part 1 is a theory test that can be taken remotely, at the user's convenience. It can be accessed securely on SAEMA's training website (training.saema.org) via the user's computer or device.

The theory test course gives users two opportunities to achieve the required results. The user must pass the theory test before they are certified to move to Part 2 – the practical on-site training, which has a standardised syllabus.

Upon passing Part 1 of the test, a certificate is sent to the user as proof of their accreditation. A copy can also be sent to the employer. The user is then also issued with a virtual card which is stored on their smartphone and can be checked by Duty Holders in real time when users arrive on site for Part 2 Training.

Following successful Part 2 On Site training, the virtual card will be endorsed with the site details which can also be checked in real time by Duty Holders to ensure that users are trained properly in the use the systems on site.

Company Secretary Tony Seddon said: “Falls from height remain one of the biggest causes of workplace fatalities and major injuries, as reported by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Until now, the task of giving operatives the required level of background knowledge and experience was widely variable. That’s why SAEMA User Training is helping to advance the industry with regard to training and worker safety delivered consistently to all users by all member companies.

“It removes the need for operatives to attend a classroom course; instead, they can be trained and assessed on the background knowledge of suspended access equipment anywhere that has an internet connection. The test is carefully designed to be both comprehensive and simple to use.”

To find out more, please visit <https://www.saema.org/training/>