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## IPAF operator training heads to New Zealand

The first IPAF-approved training centres in New Zealand have opened and are ready to deliver high quality training for aerial lift operators.

Accessman, the largest specialised rental company in the South Island has recognised the opportunity to offer IPAF training to meet demand driven by the country's evolving Health & Safety Act, which has recently undergone reform and is due for release in April 2016, and the Christchurch rebuild according to

Accessman's general manager Lena Harrington.

"IPAF provides a professional alternative to the only option currently available within New Zealand," said Harrington. "Plus points are the five-year validity of the PAL Card, stringent training guidelines and streamlined processes. IPAF certainly delivers a total package with administrative support and innovative technology that will in time revolutionise the hire industry. The safety of our



customers remains our number one priority and with IPAF on board, we have a training system that delivers by going above and beyond."

Also starting up in Auckland on the North Island is Total Access. The company's facilities have been audited and its instructors assessed and certified to deliver IPAF training. There are IPAF-approved training centres across 34 countries. See the training centre locator at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

## eLearning raises standard for operator training

IPAF has launched its new, enhanced eLearning module as part of its full training programme for US and Canadian operators of aerial work platforms. The launch follows two years of trials and further development and testing, resulting in a high quality eLearning module that delivers flexibility and interactive tools, with the same emphasis on practical training.

Together with supervised written and practical testing of operator skills, the eLearning module can lead to a Powered Access Licence/PAL Card which proves that the operator has successfully completed the training and is able to operate work platforms safely.

The online learning experience brings several benefits to operator training. It is flexible. Trainees complete the theory part of the course online - anytime, anywhere, on any device, at their own pace, using the same material as in a classroom session and learning the same subjects. The modules use interactive tools and engages operators by taking them through games, quizzes, videos and simulations to help them retain the required knowledge and skills for

their daily operations.

The practical training is still required, trainees who complete the online session must still pass a supervised theory test at an IPAF-approved training centre and must successfully complete a minimum half-day of practical training and testing before being issued a PAL Card as proof of successfully completed operator training. The new programme is now being rolled out internationally, starting with the Benelux and the UK in 2016, with several other languages to follow.

There are now over half a million valid PAL Cards worldwide. PAL Cards can be verified online at [www.ipaf.org/checkpal](http://www.ipaf.org/checkpal)

More about IPAF operator eLearning is at [www.ipaf.org/eLearning](http://www.ipaf.org/eLearning)

## First speakers announced for IPAF Summit 2016

Access and safety experts from Australia, Canada, Spain and the UK will speak at the IPAF Summit being held on March 17 2016 in Madrid, Spain. The IPAF Summit is followed by the International Awards for Powered Access dinner and awards ceremony.

Confirmed speakers for the Summit include:

- Brad Boehler, president of Skyjack
- Jeremy Fish, managing director of Nationwide Platforms
- Tony Smith, senior investigator at the Regulatory Audit and Investigation unit of Australia's New South Wales Department of Industry
- Pedro Torres, chief operating officer of Riwal



Nationwide Platforms managing director Jeremy Fish will speak at the IPAF Summit in Madrid.

Attendance is free and those interested should register in advance at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)

## IPAF Powered Access

How should product alerts and safety bulletins be issued so that they are effective and serve their purpose? IPAF's annual publication, IPAF Powered Access, contains useful information on this subject, along with features on beating equipment bandits and working safely on roofs and mastclimbers. To obtain a copy e-mail [info@ipaf.org](mailto:info@ipaf.org) or visit the Publications section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



## Europlatform 2016 22nd September in Vienna

The Europlatform access rental conference will take place on 22nd September in Vienna, Austria. A networking event will take place on the evening before, at a venue to be confirmed in central Vienna - the "city of music" on the Danube, known for its historical buildings and monuments, Baroque castles and gardens. More details on the event venue, registration

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