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# All PAL Cards are now 'Smart'

All valid PAL Cards issued by IPAF to operators of powered access equipment worldwide are now Smart cards, because since January 2015 all cards issued have been Smart capable.

The use of Smart technology was mandated by IPAF from 1st January 2015 to help prevent fraud, misuse and to interact with security, telematics and tracking systems to ensure only authorised, qualified and correctly familiarised personnel operate Smart compatible machines. As all PAL Card training must be refreshed or renewed at least every five years, no cards issued pre-1st January 2015 are still be valid.

Director of operations Giles Council said: "IPAF works hard to safeguard its training programme against misuse and thwart any attempt to copy, counterfeit or fraudulently obtain a PAL Card. The use of Smart technology, operators' photo id and our online verification system are all key planks of that."

Chief executive Peter Douglas added: "It is encouraging the effort IPAF puts into making the PAL Card a robust and globally recognised certification of operator training and is valued by equipment manufacturers, rental companies, end users and contractors worldwide. At Elevation 2019, it was heartening to hear from Sarah Garry of Build UK, that the IPAF PAL Card, which is now able to carry the CSCS holographic logo allowing the authorised holder to gain access to Build UK sites, has been identified through the ongoing Build UK audit programme as a shining example to other card scheme issuers."

To quickly and easily verify an IPAF PAL Card online visit [www.ipaf.org/checkpal](http://www.ipaf.org/checkpal)



## IPAF's CEO renews PAL Card

IPAF's new chief executive Peter Douglas is no stranger to operating booms and scissor lifts, but during his short time out of the industry his IPAF PAL Card lapsed. One of the first orders of business having taken up the post in December was to renew it.

He said: "Thanks to Versalift UK's training centre and instructor Lee Tibbles for helping me conduct and complete my 3a & 3b IPAF MEWP operator training, at its Burton Latimer location - I am now certified to operate them for the next five years!"

Find your nearest IPAF-approved training centre at [www.ipaf.org/training](http://www.ipaf.org/training)



Peter Douglas (L) with Lee Tibbles

## Judges meet to decide IAPAs shortlist



The judges for the 2020 International Awards for Powered Access - which takes place after the Summit in London UK, on 23rd April - have met to decide shortlists.

This year's judges are Erhan Acar of Rent Rise, Turkey, Malcolm Bowers of Lifterz, Ian James of Bronto Skylift, Norty Turner of United Rentals and Dan Vorsholt of GSV Materieludlejning, Denmark. To book your place, please visit [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)



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IPAF focus

## Powered access technician apprenticeship enrolment opens

IPAF's Richard Whiting and Jo Power visited training partner F-Tec to help launch enrolment on the upcoming Lift Truck and Powered Access Engineering Technician Apprenticeship, which forms part of IPAF's 'Roadmap' to qualified service technician status. The two attended F-Tec's open day at its Swindon training centre, to showcase a new 'Trailblazer' apprenticeship to employers ahead of enrolment opening.

Whiting said: "Demand is high for the new Trailblazer apprenticeship, as until now there has been a distinct lack of recognition or clear pathway to certified engineer or technician status to suit the particular needs of maintaining powered access, forklift and telehandler fleets. The new apprenticeship is just one route under the IPAF Roadmap to qualified service tech status, the first course will commence this March, and anyone interested is invited to email me at Richard.

Whiting@ipaf.org for information, or visit the F-Tec website at [www.f-tec.org.uk](http://www.f-tec.org.uk) for details.



Kathryn Roberts of F-Tec at the launch

## IPAF stand at Conexpo offers free advice to help save lives

All Conexpo 2020 delegates who visit the IPAF stand can learn how to select the suitable machine for the job, develop a specific safe use plan, and train operators and supervisors to improve workplace safety by complying with new ANSI standards, which come into effect soon.

IPAF's stand F9100 is at the entrance to the Festival Grounds. IPAF staff will offer free advice and share technical expertise, while IPAF North American Council is sponsoring FREE registration to its new ANSI-compliant MEWP Supervisor training course just prior to Conexpo.

IPAF's North America regional manager Tony Groat, who also sits on ANSI and CSA Standards committees said: "There is zero defence should someone get injured or killed on your watch in arguing that you did not know what an aerial work platform specific safe use plan is, did not realise you need to train supervisors as well as operators, or do not understand the difference between familiarisation and thorough operator training - all of which are required in the new ANSI standards. We hope to see you in Las Vegas!"



Tony Groat