MPQC Driver Skills Card – Fraudulent Certificates Alert

WHAT HAPPENED

Producers and hauliers operating in the Extractives and Mineral Processing industries should be aware that fraudulent certificates for the Mineral Products Qualification Council (MPQC) Site Safety Awareness training leading to the Driver Skills Card are circulating in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England.

The matter came to light last week when a driver representing a Northern Ireland haulier presented a fraudulent certificate and claimed he had received the Site Safety Awareness Training in February 2014, but had never been issued with a card. The weighbridge operator at a quarry was suspicious and contacted MPQC who confirmed there was no record of the driver attending the course or that the course had even taken place. Investigation into this matter by MPQC has uncovered the fact that the trainer accepted a cash payment for the course and fraudulently forged the signature of an approved MPQC trainer who resides in Northern Ireland.

Unfortunately during the investigation we have

been unable to ascertain the identity of the trainer. Sadly the driver has paid a considerable sum of money and has lost out on accredited training, receiving a Driver Skills Card and 7 hours Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) training.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

We have reason to believe there will be a number of these certificates in circulation, so we would like all companies to remind their Weighbridge Operators to remain vigilant and to carry out the necessary checks, as this driver has used this certificate to access a number of sites. The driver was extremely keen to volunteer the fact that he is very rarely asked for his card, therefore it is relatively easy to claim the fact he holds the necessary qualification.

Mineral Product Association Members should inform their drivers including owner/hired drivers that any of the MPQC Driver Skills Card Courses can only be booked directly with MP Skills at their Nottingham office and not directly with any individual who claims to be able to deliver the course.

MP Skills would appreciate any company or driver, who may be approached directly by a trainer claiming they are approved to contact MP Skills with the details so that this fraudulent activity can be investigated further so that we can continue to protect the integrity of the scheme and our approved trainers.

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