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Course Title: Operate a Skid Steer Loader / Bobcat

SAQA ID: 262712

NQF Level: 2

Credits: 8

Course Description:

This course is designed to equip learners with the skills and knowledge required to operate a skid steer loader effectively and safely in construction, landscaping, and industrial settings. Training includes pre-operational checks, control functions, manoeuvring techniques, loading and unloading, and safety protocols.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Conduct inspections and basic maintenance of a skid steer loader.
- Operate the loader efficiently across different work environments and terrains.
- Apply effective loading, material handling, and manoeuvring techniques.
- Follow all necessary safety and hazard management procedures in work areas.

Benefits of Completing this Course:

- Gain practical experience with a skid steer loader for various industries.
- Enhance employability in construction, landscaping, and related fields.
- Achieve a nationally recognized qualification in equipment operation.
- Improve awareness of operational safety, load stability, and maintenance practices.

Who Should Attend:

- Construction, landscaping, and maintenance personnel who handle skid steer loaders.
- Site supervisors overseeing equipment operations.
- Individuals aiming to gain skills in safe and effective machine operation.

Assessment:

Assessment will be based on the learner's ability to:

- Conduct pre-operational checks and routine maintenance.
 - Demonstrate practical handling and manoeuvring of the skid steer loader.
 - Participate in discussions on safety, hazard management, and operational controls.
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Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria:

By successfully completing this SAQA Unit Standard, learners will demonstrate competency in the following:

1. Conduct Pre-Operational Checks and Maintenance on the Skid Steer Loader:

- Inspect critical components, including hydraulics, tires, and attachments.
- Perform routine maintenance tasks and report any issues.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Practical assessment of pre-operational inspections and maintenance routines.

2. Operate the Skid Steer Loader Safely and Effectively:

- Manoeuvre the loader through confined spaces, rough terrain, and varying site conditions.
- Apply controlled loading and unloading techniques.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Practical exercises on safe and effective skid steer loader operation.

3. Apply Load Management and Safety Procedures:

- Balance loads to ensure stability and prevent tipping.
- Adhere to safety protocols and emergency procedures.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Practical demonstration of safe load handling practices.

4. Follow On-Site Traffic Management and Hazard Prevention Measures:

- Follow site-specific traffic signs, warnings, and safety markings.
- Recognize and mitigate potential hazards during operation.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Observation of adherence to traffic rules and hazard prevention measures.

Completing this course will give learners the skills required for proficient and safe skid steer loader operation, supporting efficiency and productivity in diverse work environments.