

Working Platforms

- 'Working Platforms' are the platform itself and all associated ramps and accesses, i.e. any surface which has to support construction plant.
- Before any works commence a 'Working Platform Certificate' must be in place. Always check with an engineer before moving plant into a new area (or back into an old area) that the certificate is still valid.
- The platform certificate will state the maximum bearing pressure that the platform has been designed to. If the type of plant being used changes, the certificate may not be valid (even if it is a smaller rig/crane) – always check with an engineer before taking any new plant onto a platform.
- Platforms must be visually inspected on a regular basis, if weather is bad this could be daily or more. Visual inspections should be recorded on the foreman's daily diary.
- If any part of the platform is dug up or if the platform requires repair it must be done in line with the design. Make sure it has been properly compacted.
- Look after the platform in the area you are working. Clear spoil away, and minimise rig/crane movement by planning working sequences.
- Check where the edges of the platform are – the platform will not always extend to the edge of the site.
- All bores/excavations must be backfilled with self compacting material. i.e. granular not clay arising's

Did you know?

A piling rig fell across the main Tilbury to London railway line because when an obstruction was moved the platform was not properly reinstated.



Q: What is a working platform?

Q: What must you have before works commence?

Q: When might a certificate no longer be valid?