

OTCQA027

Sparrows Banksman & Slinger Stage 1

Duration	3 Days
Target group	The Sparrows Banksman & Slinger Stage 1 course is for personnel wishing to become competent in the banksman and slinger role. It is suited to those without previous experience looking for an entry role in offshore oil and gas.
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for this course.
Objective	The aim of the Sparrows Banksman & Slinger Stage 1 course is to establish that the delegate has the required underpinning knowledge, understanding and practical skills to fulfil the role of banksman and slinger safely, effectively and competently.
Contents	Candidates will receive training with a mix of theoretical and practical elements, practical exercises will be assessed on an ongoing basis and a theoretical exam is conducted at the end of the course. Knowledge • Relevant legislation and personal responsibilities • Safe systems of work – permits, procedures etc • Risk assessment, lifting plans and controls • Slinging principles and terminology • Crane operating principles and dynamic factors • Conflicting activities and environmental factors • Conflicting activities and environmental factors • Manual handling. Practical • Safe use of equipment • Rigging loft management control • Equipment pre and post use inspection • Equipment identification and selection • Hand signals and use of radios • Weight identification and estimation • Lifting, placing and disconnecting loads • Role and duties of designated banksman and slinger.
Exam	A Sparrows-approved Banksman & Slinger stage 1 certificate is awarded on successful completion of the course. Candidates then receive their Stage 2 Logbook to carry out workplace experience under supervision. Once that is completed they can progress to the Stage 3 assessment.

The certification is valid for two years. If the Stage 2 Logbook and Stage 3 assessment are not successfully completed during this time the candidate will need to undertake the three-day Stage 1 course again.