

**Certificate of Competence in
Animal Attendants Transporting
Animals by Air**





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NPTC


- A Nationally Accredited Awarding Body in UK
- Originally aimed at the Landbased & Allied Industries
- Delivery via a Network of approved Assessment Centres
- Quality Assurance through approved Assessors and Verifiers giving the qualifications a consistent standard wherever delivered
- Certificates of Competence
- S/NVQs
- Entry Level Skills for Working Life




NPTC Competence Awards

- Pesticide Applications
- Machinery Operations
- Livestock (Sheep, Pigs, Cattle, Poultry)
- Horsekeeping
- Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines
- Safe Use of Sheep Dips
- Safe Use of Chainsaws
- Arboricultural Operations
- Horticultural Machinery

**Transport of Livestock
by Road and Sea**



**Transport of Animals
by Air**



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AATA asked NPTC to develop a certificate of competence for transporting animals by air

NPTC agreed to focus on:

- Being species specific
- Welfare of the animal species
- Safety & Security of people (both within and outside the aircraft) and of the aircraft / vehicles / buildings / etc
- A standard operating procedure for Animal Attendants Transporting Animals by Air




Development of NPTC Qualifications

Qualifications developed by Technical Specialist panels of NPTC (eg: Flying Grooms, AATA Reps, Airline input, Vets)

Specialist panels set the NPTC standards of assessment

NPTC trains its verifiers in the NPTC standards of assessment

NPTC trains and 'Approves' Assessors in:

- the interpretation and implementation of the schedule of assessment
- the internationally accepted standards of assessment

Development of NPTC Qualifications

Assessment Centre (AATA) recommends potential Assessors for the award



Assessors must have:

- At least 5 years experience working in the industry
- Hold the certificate of competence themselves
- Demonstrate they are technically "above the average"

NPTC then trains and approves these potential assessors

The Assessment Centres are responsible for ensuring that their assessors remain current and updated, by arranging both verification and technical updating

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NPTC is an Awarding Body and is not involved in Training

Training is very important

- The NPTC assessment schedule is normally used as the "syllabus" for the training programmes (courses)
- AATA has agreed to keep a list of approved trainers



Assessment must be completely independent, where the assessor has no vested interest in the candidate's result. If the training is no good, candidate will not pass

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HOW to be Assessed?



Candidates access schedule of assessment from NPTC web site, (www.nptc.org.uk)

This will inform candidates of their training requirements

Candidates (who need training) arrange training through AATA approved trainers

(Experienced Animal attendants may not need formal training and can come forward for assessment immediately)



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HOW to be Assessed?


When ready for assessment / adequately trained:

Candidates register with NPTC for assessment

Assessor will be appointed to carry out assessment at a mutually convenient venue and time

Each assessment will last about 2 hours and will be a practical/oral one to one test (assessor/candidate)

Arranging for 3 - 4 candidates to be assessed on the same day will use the assessor's time more economically


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Assessment will cover:

- Animal Welfare of that species
- Safety Regulations / Responsibilities of the attendant
- Legal Requirements / Responsibilities of the attendant
- Essential items of the Attendant's Equipment (tack bag)
- Knowledge of Documentation / Authorisations required
- Enforcement authorities and their powers




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Assessment will cover: (continued.....)

- Transport Container
- Aircraft procedures
- Checking animals to be transported (documentation and fitness)
- Loading and unloading animals
- **Causes / signs of stress / ill-health & treatment**
- Completing documentation / reporting




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ID Card and Certificate

- certificate issued to successful candidates by NPTC
- ID card issued by AATA as "membership" of the professional register
- AATA will keep the register available for authorities to prove competence
- Members of the register must be active flying attendants



UNITS OF COMPETENCE FOR ANIMAL ATTENDANTS TRANSPORTING ANIMALS BY AIR			
Species	Date of Test	Species	Date of Test
Horses	31.03.00	Antelopes	-
Cattle	-	Flightless Birds (Rattles)	-
Sheep/Goats	-	Monkeys & Primates	-
Pigs	-	Reptiles/Amphibians	-
Deer	-	Aquatics (Marine Mammals)	-
Camels	-	Non-domestic mammals	-

Units without a corresponding date of test have not been introduced and are thus not applicable. NPTC/NAC/WakaCN 21.GT (1-44/024/769/653)

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What Now?

- Qualification is currently available for full uptake
- with training available
- NPTC assessors are based in UK, also New York, USA and New Zealand
- Download Assessment Schedule from www.nptc.org.uk
- Register through AATA European office and arrange a mutually convenient venue and time for the assessment to take place.



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