



Six Monthly Inspections

The minimum standards required by WorkSafe New Zealand

“The primary objective of the EWPA is to promote best and safest practices for the use and maintenance of Elevating Work Platforms. We fulfil this objective by advocating for consistently high standards of EWP related training, and in areas of maintenance and certification.”

This EWPA Bulletin covers the minimum requirement of personnel who are required to carry out six-monthly inspections and issue certifications on MEWP's. It is the stance of the EWPA Board that only CBIP qualified inspectors, and Manufacturers Employees who have been formally trained to the same or higher level of competency as CBIP Level 1 for inspection, can inspect and certify MEWP's. Manufacturers Employees should only certify MEWP's that they have been specifically trained to inspect by that Manufacturer and should not certify other brands of MEWP unless they have the relevant CBIP OR EQUIVALENT qualification.

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Competent Person for Inspection:

“Only a Competent Person can complete a six-monthly, enhanced or major inspection of a MEWP.

A means of demonstrating competency is a certificate of competency or proficiency from an certification board. In New Zealand this is the Certification Board for Inspection Personnel New Zealand (CBIP). Manufacturers employees who inspect, and certify MEWP's do not need to be registered with CBIP but they should be able to demonstrate the same, or higher, levels of competency.”

***Note:** If the Manufacturer contracts out inspection and certification, the contractor should be certified by CBIP for inspection as describe in the Best Practice Guidelines.*

Operational Test and Check:

“A Competent Person must thoroughly examine the MEWP after an accident, incident, or major repair or modification, or at least every 6 months. The Competent Person must have access to the manufacturer's approved maintenance manual for the type of MEWP being certified.”

Competent Person:

“A person who has acquired through training, qualification, experience or a combination of these, the knowledge and skill enabling that person to correctly perform the required task.”

Note: Different types of MEWP's require different competencies, including appropriate training and/or qualifications.