



Elevated Work Platform Ticket (Australia)

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1. Which type of EWP uses a series of linked supports that form a scissor-like mechanism to raise a platform?

- A. Boom-type EWP
- B. Scissor lift
- C. Spider lift
- D. Telescopic handler

2. Before operating an EWP, you must conduct a pre-operational inspection. This inspection should be recorded:

- A. Only if you find a fault
- B. In the machine logbook or pre-start checklist
- C. Verbally to your supervisor
- D. Only at the end of shift

3. When operating a boom EWP near an excavation or trench, you must:

- A. Maintain a safe stand-off distance to prevent the ground collapsing under the machine
- B. Park the machine at the edge for best access
- C. Ignore the trench if it is less than 1 metre deep
- D. Always position the boom over the trench

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4. A boom EWP contacts an energised overhead powerline. The operator inside the platform should:

- A. Immediately climb down the boom to reach the ground
- B. Stay in the platform — do NOT touch the boom or attempt to climb down until power is isolated
- C. Jump clear of the machine
- D. Use the emergency descent while touching the boom



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5. For boom-type EWP operations in Australia, the primary fall protection measure for the operator is:

- A. A full-body harness attached to the designated anchor point inside the platform with a short restraint lanyard
- B. The guardrails alone
- C. A safety net below the platform
- D. A hard hat

6. The emergency lowering system on an EWP is intended to:

- A. Safely lower the platform when normal controls fail, allowing rescue of stranded personnel
- B. Speed up normal lowering
- C. Increase the load capacity in an emergency
- D. Replace the normal controls for daily use

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7. In Australia, operating a boom-type EWP above 11 metres requires holding a valid:

- A. High Risk Work Licence (HRWL) class WP
- B. A general construction induction card (white card) only
- C. A crane operator licence (CO)
- D. No formal licence — training is sufficient

8. The logbook for an EWP must record:

- A. All pre-start inspections, faults found, repairs carried out, and scheduled service records
- B. Only the operator's name
- C. Only faults that result in the machine being taken out of service
- D. Only the hours of use

9. Before deploying an EWP, the ground beneath the machine and outriggers should be assessed for:

- A. Bearing capacity, levelness, underground voids or services, and drainage
- B. Colour and cleanliness
- C. Proximity to a fuel source
- D. Tyre tread compatibility

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10. What do the initials M.E.W.P. stand for?

- A. Maximum envelope with postage
- B. Maximum elevation with people
- C. Mobile elevating work platform
- D. Manual electric work pulley

11. A boom-type EWP (category WP) is characterised by:

- A. A boom arm that allows the platform to reach out beyond the base footprint
- B. A platform that only rises vertically
- C. Tracks that replace wheels for rough terrain
- D. A maximum working height of 4 metres

12. During a pre-start check, you notice a hydraulic fluid leak under the EWP. You should:

- A. Tag the machine out of service and report it immediately
- B. Wipe up the leak and continue
- C. Add more hydraulic fluid and operate cautiously
- D. Complete the shift and report it afterwards

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13. The maximum number of persons who may occupy an EWP platform at one time is determined by:

- A. The operator's judgment
- B. The supervisor's instruction
- C. The manufacturer's rated platform capacity and the number stated in the operator manual
- D. Local council rules

14. Ground conditions are a critical hazard for EWP operations because:

- A. Wet ground increases battery charging speed
- B. Smooth surfaces improve scissor lift performance
- C. Soft, uneven, or sloping ground can cause an EWP to tip or the outriggers to sink
- D. Gravel improves traction only



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15. The lanyard used in a boom EWP should be set to:

- A. Allow the operator to lean outside the platform
- B. Allow full extension over the guardrail
- C. Restrain the operator within the platform — it should NOT allow them to reach beyond the guardrail
- D. Be as long as possible for comfort

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16. Ground operators should know where the emergency lowering controls are located because:

- A. They may want to move the machine while the operator is elevated
- B. It increases operational efficiency
- C. If the platform operator is incapacitated, the rescue can be carried out from ground level
- D. The ground controls are faster than the platform controls

17. The Australian Standard most relevant to the safe use of EWPs (mobile elevating work platforms) is:

- A. AS 4600
- B. AS 1418
- C. AS 2550.10
- D. AS 3000

18. If an EWP's logbook is lost or missing, you must:

- A. Create a new one and fill in approximate past entries
- B. Use the machine with no logbook
- C. Not operate the machine until a new logbook is created and any known history documented or confirmed
- D. Only document future use

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19. Outrigger pads must be sized so that:

- A. They match the manufacturer's colour scheme
- B. They cover all underground services
- C. They are large enough to distribute the load below the allowable bearing pressure of the ground surface
- D. They are always made of timber

20. Where should you attach the safety harness?

- A. To your tool box
- B. To the building / object you are working on
- C. To a secure anchorage point inside the MEWP
- D. To your work mate's harness

21. Which HRWL licence class is required to operate a boom-type EWP exceeding 11 metres?

- A. WS
- B. WC
- C. WP
- D. WR

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22. Which of the following is NOT a typical item on an EWP pre-start checklist?

- A. Tyre condition and pressure
- B. Fluid levels (hydraulic, engine oil, coolant)
- C. Operator's personal bank account details
- D. Function test of all controls

23. When must an EWP operator wear a full-body harness with a lanyard attached to the anchor point inside the platform?

- A. Never — the guardrails are sufficient
- B. At all times while in the platform of a boom-type EWP, as required by most Australian standards and codes of practice
- C. Only when working over water
- D. Only when above 20 metres



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24. What hazard does an underground service (e.g. drainage pipe) pose to EWP operation?

- A. Ground collapse under outrigger or wheel loads, causing the machine to tip
- B. Electrical interference with controls
- C. Damage to the EWP tyres
- D. No hazard — underground services are protected

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25. A full-body harness must be fitted:

- A. Loosely to allow freedom of movement
- B. Snugly with all straps adjusted, so the dorsal D-ring sits centrally between the shoulder blades
- C. Only around the waist
- D. Only on the upper body

26. If the platform becomes stuck in the elevated position due to a hydraulic failure, what is the correct first action?

- A. Jump to a nearby structure
- B. Activate the emergency lowering system from within the platform
- C. Call the hire company and wait
- D. Stand on the guardrail to look for help

27. Under the Model Work Health and Safety Act, a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) has a duty to:

- A. Only ensure their own safety
- B. Ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers and others affected by the work
- C. Provide personal protective equipment only
- D. Comply with legislation only when inspectors are present

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28. Scheduled maintenance on an EWP must be performed by:

- A. The daily operator
- B. A competent person qualified in EWP maintenance — typically a licensed mechanic or manufacturer-authorized service agent
- C. Any experienced worker
- D. The hire company driver

29. If an EWP is being deployed over a basement or underground car park, you must:

- A. Operate normally — modern EWPs are designed for such surfaces
- B. Confirm the structural slab can support the machine's ground-bearing loads before positioning or operating the EWP
- C. Only check if the basement is occupied
- D. Use electric models only

30. Where should you NOT attach the safety harness?

- A. To a secure anchorage point inside the MEWP
- B. Your work mate's safety harness
- C. An approved anchor inside the basket
- D. The manufacturer's designated point



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1. B — Scissor lift
2. B — In the machine logbook or pre-start checklist
3. A — Maintain a safe stand-off distance to prevent the ground collapsing under the machine
4. B — Stay in the platform — do NOT touch the boom or attempt to climb down until power is isolated
5. A — A full-body harness attached to the designated anchor point inside the platform with a short restraint lanyard
6. A — Safely lower the platform when normal controls fail, allowing rescue of stranded personnel
7. A — High Risk Work Licence (HRWL) class WP
8. A — All pre-start inspections, faults found, repairs carried out, and scheduled service records
9. A — Bearing capacity, levelness, underground voids or services, and drainage
10. C — Mobile elevating work platform
11. A — A boom arm that allows the platform to reach out beyond the base footprint
12. A — Tag the machine out of service and report it immediately
13. C — The manufacturer's rated platform capacity and the number stated in the operator manual
14. C — Soft, uneven, or sloping ground can cause an EWP to tip or the outriggers to sink
15. C — Restrain the operator within the platform — it should NOT allow them to reach beyond the guardrail
16. C — If the platform operator is incapacitated, the rescue can be carried out from ground level
17. C — AS 2550.10
18. C — Not operate the machine until a new logbook is created and any known history documented or confirmed
19. C — They are large enough to distribute the load below the allowable bearing pressure of the ground surface
20. C — To a secure anchorage point inside the MEWP
21. C — WP
22. C — Operator's personal bank account details



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- 23. B — At all times while in the platform of a boom-type EWP, as required by most Australian standards and codes of practice
- 24. A — Ground collapse under outrigger or wheel loads, causing the machine to tip
- 25. B — Snugly with all straps adjusted, so the dorsal D-ring sits centrally between the shoulder blades
- 26. B — Activate the emergency lowering system from within the platform
- 27. B — Ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers and others affected by the work
- 28. B — A competent person qualified in EWP maintenance — typically a licensed mechanic or manufacturer-authorized service agent
- 29. B — Confirm the structural slab can support the machine's ground-bearing loads before positioning or operating the EWP
- 30. B — Your work mate's safety harness



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