



The working student* and operating mobile work equipment



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drive a car	✘	Allowed with valid driving license <i>A provisional driving licence holder cannot perform work-related activities!</i>
drive a quad	✘	Allowed with valid driving license <i>A provisional driving licence holder cannot perform work-related activities!</i>
drive a forklift truck 	✘	✘
drive a reach forklift truck 	✘	✘
drive an electric stacker	✘	✘
drive a tractor (agricultural vehicle)	✘	✘
drive excavators	✘	✘
operate a cherry-picker 	✘	✘





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<p>operate a scissor lift</p> 	✗	✗
<p>operate a manual pallet truck</p> <p>A manual pallet truck is a means of transport that lifts the load just enough to allow it to be transported freely, which is equipped with a supported fork to transport pallets.</p>	✓	✓
<p>operate a pedestrian controlled platform truck</p> <p>A platform truck is a means of transport that transports the load on a fixed platform or other non-liftable device.</p> 	✓	✓
	under certain conditions**	under certain conditions**
<p>drive an electric platform truck</p> 	✗	✓
		under certain conditions***
<p>operate a pallet truck (electric transpallet)</p> <p>A pallet truck is a means of transport that lifts the load just enough to allow it to be transported freely, which is equipped with a supported fork to transport pallets.</p> 	✓	✓
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* student employee with a student contract

** Conditions:

The student has received appropriate training and instructions and is under the permanent supervision of an experienced colleague. The student must also have a sufficient sense of responsibility to work safely with a means of transport.

Technical requirements of the transport equipment:

- The controls require permanent action. They automatically enter the neutral position when released and the brake is applied.
- Equipment only with **pedestrian driver** (walks behind the truck) and max. speed of **6 km/h**.

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The student has received appropriate training and received instructions.

Technical requirements of the transport equipment:

- The controls automatically go to the neutral position when released and the brake is activated.
- Only with a low lifting height. This means that pallets can be lifted just above the ground to transport them.
- **Driver-operated** truck (rides on the vehicle and/or platform) and max. speed of **16 km/h**.

For the operation of transport equipment by working students, **no** exceptions to the above table shall be allowed. Not even in exceptional circumstances.

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