

# Use of an Excavator to Excavate a Grave or a Burial Plot (Skills Card)

## At a glance...

### Modular customised provision

Duration Notes:	Up to 5 days
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards

## Introduction

The course will enable candidates to develop skills needed to excavate a grave/burial plot to allow the unhindered passage of a coffin during burial within a Cemetery environment.

## Overview in brief

***This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.***

The minimum age to undertake this course is 16.

Students will learn to excavate a grave/burial plot, working within the confines of a cemetery/churchyard.

## The finer details

The candidates will be shown & demonstrated the full excavation procedure.

Then be asked to prove competency through a practical/theory assessment.



## Who should attend?



Any persons working within the bereavement industry in or around cemeteries or churchyards.

May that be full time or personnel used for cemetery cover.



## What will be covered?

- PPE
- Risk assessment
- Health & Safety
- Legal responsibilities (The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977)
- Pre-start checks
- Safety devices
- Excavator controls
- Travelling around site
- Grave location
- Setting out of a grave
- Tapered shaped grave
- Coffin shaped grave
- Casket shaped grave
- Turf protection
- Memorial protection
- Positioning and levelling of the excavator
- Excavating procedure and techniques
- Excavating through shoring
- Backfilling procedure and techniques
- Coffin protection
- Grave re-opening techniques
- Soil types
- Burial protocol
- Reinstatement of grave
- Reinstatement of the surrounding area
- Bucket changing
- Working on gradients.

## Other areas of interest

[Use of a Dumper within the Cemetery and Churchyard](#)

[Use of a Gantry to Lift and Lower Memorials](#)

[Moving a Full Kerb Set Memorial](#)



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