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FORKLIFT LICENSES IN AUSTRALIA

Some of us take for granted the humble forklift, while most of us don't even give it a thought. We use a forklift when we have to pick-up and move all those heavy items that we don't want to even try lifting.

However in most countries around the world, the operation of a forklift is highly regulated and operators must hold a Forklift License and undergo regular testing. Operated by inexperienced drivers, forklifts can be very dangerous.

To get a forklift license the operator must prove he or she understands all the rules and regulations, knows how to check the machine before and after operating it also what to do if the machine breaks down and can show competency in all aspects of the safe operations of a forklift. Only then will he or she be issued with a forklift license.

Following more than 20 days of training in Timor-Leste, 17 young men and women In November 2019 travelled to Australia to undergo formal assessment to enable them to make an application to obtain their High Risk Workplace (HRW) Forklift License.

All 17 were assessed as competent and have applied for their HRW License. Having an internationally-recognized forklift license ensures that these local men and women can take advantage of employment opportunities, both at home and abroad.

To deliver the training in Timor-Leste, ISAT engaged an internationally accredited trainer with a current Australian HRW Forklift License to provide a comprehensive training regime covering theory and practical.

This training course and assessment requires each individual to be highly proficient in English Language Literacy and Numeracy skills. No translators are allowed. Congratulations to these men and women.