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NCCCO Continues Testing Amid COVID-19

At this time, NCCCO staff and operations remain functioning and plan to continue to do so unless a required shutdown is mandated by local or federal government or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). NCCCO has been and will **continue to schedule and hold paper/pencil test administrations, administer exams via computer based testing, process practical exam scoring, and issue certifications.** Additionally, NCCCO was able to extend certification expirations for certain certficants and the amount of time new candidates have to take exams. [Read more on NCCCOs COVID-19 Response Center](#)

NCCCO Goes Big at CONEXPO 2020



NCCCO's Lift Safety Zone, indoor information booth, written and practical certification exams, education sessions, and practical examiner training all added up to make CONEXPO/CON-AGG 2020 the largest construction show ever for NCCCO. [Check out all that happened in Las Vegas this year.](#)

CONEXPO Sponsors

NCCCO graciously thanks our sponsors at CONEXPO 2020, without whose support we could not have brought you any of the exhibits that made the event such a success.



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And the Winners Are...

Thank you to everyone who visited NCCCO at our Information Booth and at the Lift Safety Zone at CONEXPO and entered the die-cast model crane drawings. We are pleased to announce the following winners!



The lucky winner from the indoor informational booth drawing is **Elroy Buren** of Rapid City, SD, who won the **Liebherr LTM 1350 6.1** model generously donated by **Liebherr**.

Manny Souza of Los Angeles, CA, won the drawing that took place in the Lift Safety Zone and a **Liebherr 81 K.1 fast-erecting tower crane** die-cast model generously donated by **Morrow Equipment** is on its way to him.



Congratulations to both drawing winners!

Check Your Email!

In an effort to improve efficiency and "go green," NCCCO recertification notices will be emailed to certificants 12 months and six months before their certifications expire. For the time being postal mail reminders will still be sent only to those who do not have any email address on file, but they will be phased out by the end of the year. Recertification notices-

both postal and email-are sent as a courtesy, but certificants must manage their recertification requirements themselves. Certification expiration dates are listed on all certification cards; the Verify CCO Online website ([verifycco.org](https://www.verifycco.org)) and the new myNCCCO app (nccco.org/mynccco) also provide easy ways to view all current certifications.

NCCCO recently made having a unique personal email address a requirement when registering for exams, so most certificants should have an email on file; however, if you have not yet provided NCCCO with a unique personal email or your email address has changed, please send an email to candidate@nccco.org with your current email address; be sure to include your Candidate ID or Certification Number in your email. Certificants can also use the myNCCCO app and website to check and update their contact information, including their mailing address and email.

NCCCO Announces 25th Anniversary Celebrations



NCCCO used the mega industry event CONEXPO to kick off its celebration of the 25th anniversary of its professionally developed and nationally accredited personnel certification programs. "Over the past 25 years, CCO certification has made an indelible contribution to crane safety by establishing a national benchmark of the knowledge and skills needed to operate cranes," said NCCCO CEO, Thom Sickelsteel. [Read more.](#)

Also: [*NCCCO kicks off its 25th anniversary year with the launch of a new website and program*](#) .

CCO Mobile Crane Operator Written Exams Now Available in Spanish

In response to numerous industry requests to serve the growing Spanish-speaking construction labor force, and in light of its 25th anniversary commitment to refine and evolve its safety mission, NCCCO is making available its CCO Mobile Crane Operator written certification exams in Spanish. First to be made available are the mobile crane operator Core exam along with the Telescopic Boom Crane (Fixed Cab), Telescopic Boom Crane (Swing Cab), and Lattice Boom Crawler Crane (LBC) Specialty exams.

[Read more.](#)



New myNCCCO Mobile App Connects Certificants with Real-Time Data



NCCCO has released its new myNCCCO mobile app for Apple iPhones and Android devices. Certificants can use the app to update their personal information and see their current certifications and their expiration dates. The **myNCCCO** app is free and provides a way for NCCCO's over 100,000 current certificants to see their certifications and expiration dates, update their contact information, and view the latest NCCCO news.

[Available on the Apple App Store and Google Play!](#)

Training Providers List Now Interactive

The listings of training providers on the NCCCO website have been moved into an interactive directory. Users can now search by training CCO certification program and state. Options to search for nationwide, international, and online providers are also available, as is an option to search for those providers who offer training in Spanish. Check it out at nccco.org/training.

Training Providers Directory

Per the [NCCCO Training Policy](#), NCCCO is not able to endorse any particular training company or training program; however, in an effort to facilitate selection of an appropriate training vendor, NCCCO maintains a directory of training providers that have indicated they offer preparatory training for CCO certification exams. Please note that no endorsement is provided or implied by the inclusion of any company in this directory.

Use the fields below to search for training providers by NCCCO certification program and/or location:

Limit results to Training Available in Spanish
 - select a state to find Training Providers in your state
 - select this option to list Nationwide Training Providers
 - select this option to list International Training Providers
 - select this option to list Online Training Providers

NCCCO and NWSA Introduce New Telecommunications Tower Rigger Certification

NCCCO and the National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) announced the official launch of the Telecommunications Tower Rigger Level I (TTR-I) certification program. Established collaboratively between NCCCO and NWSA, the new TTR-I certification was adapted from NCCCO's Rigger Level I program and specifically addresses those with responsibility for handling and moving loads on antenna-supporting structures. [Read more](#).



Raising the Bar for Worksite Safety



A new publication from NCCCO documents the evolution of the organization from its deep roots in the industry in the mid-1980s to the global leader in certification that it is today. Raising the Bar: How NCCCO is transforming worksite safety through certification excellence tells the story of how the vision of a safer workplace through professional credentialing was conceived and nurtured into reality. Available for purchase in the [NCCCO Store](#).

NCCCO Signs Agreement with FNRCO for Certification Services in Saudi Arabia

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the First National Company (FNRCO) have signed a contractual agreement for the certification of crane operators, riggers, and signalpersons in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The five-year agreement was signed at the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council (USSABC) corporate office in Vienna, Virginia, December 18, 2019. [Read more.](#)



NCCCO Foundation Launches Website



The NCCCO Foundation has launched a website www.ncccofoundation.org. The site serves as "information central" for all matters concerning the NCCCO Foundation's mission of education and information around safety issues and promoting the industry to youth and underserved communities.

CCO Wallet Cards Get New Look

To accommodate NCCCO's continued growth and expanded certification offerings, CCO wallet cards have been modified to make room to include additional information. The move also reflects the increased importance of the Verify CCO Online (VCO) system-and now the myNCCCO app-for checking certification status in real-time. View the updated [CCO Card Fact Sheet](#) to see what the new cards look like. For a complete list of designation codes used on certification cards go to nccco.org/codes.



Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

Are you interested in being able to administer CCO practical exams? Why not apply to become an NCCCO Practical Examiner by attending an upcoming Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop.

["Virtual" Refresher Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops](#)

- May 13 - May 15

[Articulating Boom Crane](#)- June 2-5, Harrisburg, PA

[Tower Crane Operator Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop](#)- June 7-8, Harrisburg, PA

[Digger Derrick Operator & Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher Operator Programs Workshops](#) - June 8-11, Darien, WI



[Mobile Crane Operator & Tower Crane Operator Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops](#) - June 15-19
Phoenix, AZ

[Signalperson, Rigger Level I, Rigger Level II, & Refresher Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops](#) -
June 22-26, Houston, TX

[Tower Crane Operator Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop](#)- July 7-8, Phoenix, AZ

[Signalperson & Rigger Level I Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops](#)- July 21-23, Spring Hope, NC

CCO By The Numbers



The number of [myNCCCO](#) users after launching the app just last month. In this 1.0 version of the app, certifiants can see all current certifications, their expiration dates, and update their contact information.

Employer Recognition Program

It's time for all employers enrolled in NCCCO's *Committed to Crane Safety* Employer Recognition Program to renew for another year. As with initial enrollment, there is no fee for renewal. Companies that participate in the program and achieve recognition enhance their standing in the industry. In addition, they are nationally recognized for their commitment on the NCCCO website, the *CCOnline* newsletter, and in other industry media. NCCCO strongly encourages all eligible employers to apply for inclusion in the directory. All companies currently enrolled in the *Committed to Crane Safety* program should [re-apply for 2020 here](#).

Companies that employ CCO-certified operators, riggers, and/or signalpersons wishing to be considered for inclusion, should [apply here](#).



Annual Training Provider Renewal

All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it's time to renew and update their listing. All providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and [required documentation](#) in order to continue being listed in 2020. A Certificate of Recognition for 2020 will be mailed to all renewing companies. Not yet applied to be listed on the NCCCO Training Providers website? Complete this [application](#).

This Month in History.... 2009

After more than a year of development, in April 2009, NCCCO **launched the Rigger Level I certification** program. The development of the Rigger certification, along with that of the Signalperson which was created at the same time, was aimed at "closing the loop" on safety at construction sites. The task forces were comprised of some 60 subject matter

experts (SMEs) who identified, with the assistance of a Job Task Analysis, the knowledge, and skill required of Riggers. Of course months later, the Rigger Level II program was also launched. Today, Rigger certification is used by nearly 13,000 Certificants to document to employers across the globe that they are able to rigging loads safely. Employers often prefer a CCO certified rigger over an individual without certification.

NCCCO in the News

We're not the only ones who love talking about CCO Certification! Industry media outlets are abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Take a look at what the press is saying:

Online training programs- Training providers are accommodating the continued need for candidates to prepare for CCO certification by offering online training. See how one provider has developed a two-day online training program to prepare crane operators for the NCCCO Written Exams and three-day online training programs for Mobile Crane and Rigging Inspectors or Overhead Crane/Hoist and Rigging Inspectors. *American Cranes & Transport, April 8, 2020*

Lift & Move at CONEXPO - Lift & Move USA, was pleased to participate in the Workforce Solution area at CONEXPO last month. The opportunity to interact with hundreds of students and peek their interest in careers in the crane and rigging industry. *International Construction, March 13, 2020*

ACPA Names Award Winners- The American Concrete Pumping Association (ACPA) named its 2019 ACPA Award winners, including NCCCO Articulating Crane Operator, Gustavo Cruz. His NCCCO and other credentials helped him to become a more safety conscious employee. Congratulations Gustavo! . *Construction Equipment, April 2, 2020*

Supporter Spotlight



The Association of Equipment Manufacturers' (AEM) robust history began 125+ years ago from a unique vantage point - its industry segments came together to create a fundamentally more powerful voice and advocate for the off-road equipment manufacturing industry. For more than a century, the AEM has provided a manufacturer forum for industry-wide action that transcends individual member company size, product line or individual business concerns. Companies participating in AEM work together for the betterment of the industry and public needs, at the state, national, provincial and international levels.

Are you working on a cool project? Do you have neat, high quality photos of people in and around cranes? Working a large job where CCO Certification is required? **Let us know!** We'd love to write an article about your project or use your photos and if we do we'll send a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

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