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Time's Running Out for Documenting Evaluations



In response to industry requests, OSHA has delayed full enforcement of its requirement for employers to evaluate their crane operators, but that grace period is coming to an end. In a memorandum to OSHA Regional Administrators and State Plans officials, OSHA Acting Director of the Directorate of Construction, Scott Ketcham, stated that, during the first 60 days

of enforcement (until April 15, 2019), OSHA will evaluate good faith efforts taken by employers in their attempt to meet the new documentation requirements for operators of cranes used in construction. [Read More](#)

Brent to Step Down as CEO of NCCCO

Graham Brent will step down as CEO of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) effective July 1 to take up leadership of the recently formed NCCCO Foundation. Brent, who has led the non-profit certification body virtually since the inception of NCCCO certification programs in 1996, will be succeeded as CEO by NCCCO Board member and Immediate Past President, Thom Sickelsteel. Sickelsteel is currently General Manager USA of Leavitt Cranes, based in Tacoma, WA. [Read More](#)



Certifications for Drill Rig Operators Introduced



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the International Association for Foundation Drilling (ADSC) have jointly announced the introduction of a new NCCCO certification program for operators of drill rig equipment. Foundation drill rigs and anchor/micropile drill rigs represent specialized equipment used in the construction industry for drilling cylindrical holes in the earth. Up until now no independent mechanism has existed for operators to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of this equipment.

[Read More](#)

OSHA Crane Operator Certification: Five Things You Need to Know

Eight years after the rule was originally published, and fully 15 years after the Cranes and Derricks Advisory Committee (C-DAC) finished its revision of the crane rule, OSHA's requirement for construction crane operators to be certified has come into effect. We look at five key elements of the final rule. [Read More](#)



Certification Surges for Knucklebooms



If NCCCO's experience is anything to go by, there are going to be a lot more truck drivers carrying a CCO card on the nation's highways in coming months - at least those equipped with articulating boom cranes (knucklebooms). According to data just released by NCCCO, demand for knuckleboom written and practical exam testing in 2018 was up by 28 percent compared with the previous year. This followed a massive 96 percent surge from 2016 to 2017. [Read More](#)

OSHA/NCCCO Celebrate 20 Years of Recognition

Twenty years almost to the day that OSHA and NCCCO signed their historic agreement officially recognizing CCO certification as an objective assessment of the knowledge and skills of crane operators, representatives from the two agencies sat down again in the very same room at the Department of Labor in Washington D.C. that the Agreement had been signed in. They reflected on that historic moment and reviewed the events that led up to the publication last November of a final rule that, once and for all, specified the requirements by which crane operators must be qualified. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Publishes Employer Guides to OSHA Qualification Requirements



Following the publication of OSHA's Final Rule on crane operator qualifications, and the triggering, on November 10, of the requirement for crane operators to be certified nationwide, NCCCO has published three Employer Guides, one each on the training, certification, and evaluation requirements covered by the Rule.

[Read More and find the Guides](#)

NCCCO Announces Officers for 2019

The Board of Directors of NCCCO has announced the officers who will serve NCCCO in 2019. In addition to Kerry Hulse (pictured), Vice President of Operations, Deep South Crane & Rigging, who serves as President, they are: Peter Juhren, Vice President of Operations (Vice President), Morrow Equipment; Tim Watters, President, Hoffman Equipment (Secretary/Treasurer); and Thom Sickelsteel, General Manager USA, Leavitt Cranes (Immediate Past President). Other members of the Board include: James Callahan (IUOE); Bill Davis (Zurich); Pete Laux (Kiewit); and Ellis Vliet.



Commissioners Assemble for Spring Meeting

TNT Crane & Rigging was the host for the 46th Biannual Meeting of the NCCCO Commission held March 29 in Houston, TX, with Crane Inspection & Certification Bureau (CICB) providing much appreciated additional hospitality. More than 60 Commissioners, Committee members, guests and staff assembled for the meeting which was preceded as usual by three full days of meetings of several NCCCO Exam Management Committees. [Read More and View The Photo Gallery](#)



Lift and Move USA In High Gear

Liebherr Sponsors NCCCO Calculators Again

For the third consecutive year, Liebherr Cranes is generously providing sponsorship of calculators for NCCCO candidates to use on approved written certification exams at paper-pencil test administrations. Calculators have been supplied for Mobile Crane Operator specialty exams since 2012 after NCCCO conducted a study that concluded that use of calculators on load chart calculations would be appropriate as long as basic arithmetic was being tested, without calculator use, on the Core exam. [Read More and See the Study](#)



NTEA a Great Success



The Work Truck Show, held March 5-8 in Indianapolis, IN was a great success with over 8,800 attendees, many of whom stopped by the NCCCO booth to learn about the newest OSHA regulations, how it affects the qualification requirements of those operating service trucks and articulating boom cranes, and workplace best practices.

NCCCO Presents in Africa, India and Singapore

International interest in NCCCO certification and NCCCO's role in effective regulatory change continues to build. Following presentations in December in Mozambique at the invitation of ANSI/USAID, and in India where NCCCO exhibited at baumaCONEXPO before meeting with India's Ministry of Construction, NCCCO's CEO, Graham Brent, was the keynote speaker at the Workplace Safety and Health Crane Symposium held January 25 in Singapore under the auspices of that country's Ministry of Manpower. [Read More](#)



NCCCO CEO Appointed to ANSI Policy Committee



NCCCO CEO, Graham Brent, has been approved as a new voting member of ANSI's International Policy Committee (IPC). He will serve a three-year term expiring in 2021. Brent will represent ANSI's personnel credentialing community on the IPC which is charged with, among other duties, development of ANSI strategic directions and policies relating to international and regional standardization; general coordination and oversight of ANSI's implementation of certain initiatives of the U.S. National Standards Strategy; and management of relationships with standards organizations other than ISO and IEC including European and Pan-American bodies. The IPC reports to the ANSI Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.

Stand Up for the Stand Down



OSHA's sixth annual National Safety Stand-Down to prevent falls in construction will be held May 6-10, 2019. A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention". Employers of companies not exposed to fall hazards, can also use this opportunity to have a conversation with employees about the other job hazards they face, protective methods, and the company's safety policies and goals. It can also be an opportunity for employees to talk to management about fall and other job hazards they see. More information can be [found here](#).

Find NCCCO at Upcoming Events

The 89th **Michigan Safety Conference** will take place on April 16 - 17 in Grand Rapids, MI. More than 2,000 attendees will have the opportunity to hear NCCCO CEO, Graham Brent, along with NCCCO Commissioner and IUOE Local 324 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Instructor, Derek Sather, deliver an education session on OSHA's newly published Crane Operator Qualification Requirements. Attendees also will have the opportunity to try their hand at a crane safety simulator courtesy of IUOE Local 324. [Find More information and register here.](#)

SC&RA will hold its **Annual Conference** April 23 - 26 in Carlsbad, CA. The event highlights include education sessions, committee meetings, networking opportunities, and a Products Fair where NCCCO will exhibit at Booth 14. Also, for the 20th consecutive year, the Buckner Heavylift Cranes-sponsored NCCCO benefit Fun Run/Walk will kick off bright and early on the first full day of the event. [Find more information and register here.](#)

The **Mid-Atlantic Construction Safety Conference** will be held April 23 in Beltsville, MD. NCCCO representatives will be at Booth 8 ready to talk about certification, OSHA and operator qualification requirements. Attendees will have nine (9) education sessions to choose from as well as hear from keynote speaker Richard Picciotto, the highest-ranking firefighter to survive the WTC collapse. [Find more information and register here.](#)

NCCCO will be available at the **Steel Erectors Association of America (SEAA) Convention** April 24-26 in Charlotte, NC to provide full information on all its 27 certifications, answer questions about operator qualifications, employer evaluation requirements and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in legal and business education sessions as well as learn about fall protection, drone usage, and safety for those in steel erection and participate in several excursions. [Find more information and register here.](#)

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?

[Practical Examiner Refresher - Operator Programs](#): April 29, Harrisburg, PA

[Tower Crane Operator](#): May 3-4, Harrisburg, PA

[Practical Examiner Refresher - Operator Programs](#): May 20, Houston, TX

[Overhead Crane Operator](#): May 21-22, Houston, TX



Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following companies that have just been enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP member companies have demonstrated that they are committed to crane safety by employing CCO-certified personnel.

- [Clear Channel Outdoor](#), Philadelphia, PA
- [Phoenix Crane Rental](#), Mableton, GA
- [Stafford Tower Crane of America](#), Phoenix, AZ



You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.

Did You Know?

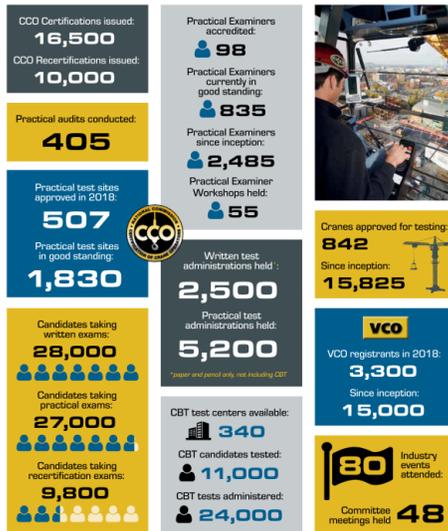
Practical Examiner Accreditation workshops are hosted by companies and organizations around the country. These workshops train attendees to administer practical exams to NCCCO candidates per NCCCO policy and procedure. Once all Accreditation requirements are met, attendees may administer practical exams to their employees or the public. Hosting workshops at your location saves time and money related to travel expenses, and allows you to have an approved practical exam site set up by NCCCO representatives. For more information on holding a workshop at your location view the [frequently asked questions](#) or fill out the no obligation [proposal request form](#).

Employer Quote of the Month

"CCO certification is often the first point we mention with respect to our operators. NCCCO is an industry recognized standard for certification that lets our clients know we value safety in the field. We proudly speak of our NCCCO operators on our web page under 'Safety & Quality' ". **Blake Huffstutler, Stewart Construction, LLC**



CCO By The Numbers



These key metrics illustrate NCCCO's activities in 2018.

This Month in History

In 2007, the NCCCO adopted a [Code of Ethics](#) that is designed to be a standard of professional behavior which all certificants adhere to. That original Code of Ethics has evolved over time (the [current Code of Ethics can be found here](#)), to cover not just operators, but all NCCCO certificants, and continues to be a cornerstone of the NCCCO commitment to program integrity. [Read more](#)

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:

[OSHA QuickTakes](#) - NCCCO presented OSHA with an award of appreciation for the agency's effort to promote safe crane operation and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of OSHA's formal recognition of the crane operator certification programs developed by NCCCO, *Occupational Safety and Health Administration Quicktakes, March 20, 2019*

[Rigging with the bulls](#) - Defining bull rigging in the workplace, *Cranes Today, December 18, 2018*

[Training and safety services in high demand](#) - Operators and Training Providers discuss the surge in certification training and the use of VR Simulators, *American Crane & Transport, January 10, 2019*

[New OSHA Crane Rule Spurs Training Growth](#) - NCCCO CEO, Graham Brent, discusses the industry's response to the new rule, the record month NCCCO has had in applications for certifications and the uncertainty of how OSHA will define a proper evaluation, *Engineering News-Record, December 19, 2018*

[Landry's Deep Devotion](#) - Deep South Crane and Rigging President, Mitch Landry, talks about family ties to the industry, multiple projects happening around the country and how all of his employees are NCCCO certified, *American Crane & Transport, December 3, 2018*

[Lift & Move USA Provides 'Authentic' Career Exploration](#) - Lift & Move USA showcased careers involving cranes, rigging and specialized transportation to high school and technical education program students through a joint effort by SC&RA, the SC&R Foundation, KHL Group and NCCCO, *Crane Hotline, December 4, 2018*

[OSHA Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification](#) - A brief summary of the Final Rule from OSHA on crane operator in construction certification, *Crane Hotline, November 11, 2018*

[Crane Operator Requirements: The Wait is Over](#) - Virtually all of OSHA's updates have gone into effect. Read about the updates including key changes, *Safety and Health Magazine, April 2019*

Supporter Spotlight

LIEBHERR

[Liebherr](#) offers a crane program whose versatility is like no other. From Flexible fast-erecting tower cranes to two-axle 35 ton mobile cranes to heavy duty cranes with a load bearing capacity of 1,200 tons to LR crawler cranes are used around the world where the heaviest of loads need to be moved safely and economically. Liebherr's mobile construction cranes combine the mobility of a classic mobile crane with the functional advantages of a tower crane.

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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