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Happy Thanksgiving

NCCCO would like to take this opportunity to wish our friends in the industry a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy the day with friends and family. The NCCCO offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th to celebrate the holiday.



OSHA Extends Operator Certification Deadline to 2018



On November 9 OSHA published a Final Rule delaying its deadline for crane operators to be certified by one year until November 10, 2018. OSHA is also extending its employer duty to ensure that crane operators are

competent to operate a crane safely for the same one-year period. The Rule takes effect immediately. [Read More](#)

Crane Operator Certification Delay

Until August of this year, mandatory crane operator certification was set to go into effect in the United States this month. November 2017 was the deadline OSHA had set to publish the new rule that has been in the works for more than 15 years.

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has a naturally profound interest in the proposed rule and wants to see it published. But the organization also wants to make sure the rule that is put in place is enforceable and is in line with the intent of the Cranes and Derricks Advisory Committee (C-DAC) that wrote the original draft of the rule 14 years ago. [Read More](#)



Lift & Move USA Opens Eyes to Industry



Lift and Move USA is proving to be an outstandingly successful tool in getting teens, young adults, and veterans interested in the many career options available in the crane and rigging industry. In just two years, Lift and Move has held six events for over 2,000 attendees. The event provides attendees of area high schools, vocational and technical schools, and military personnel transitioning into the civilian world, as well as recent veterans, with opportunities to learn about the multiple careers available. [Read More](#)

Crane Operators Speak Out on the Value of Certification

If the crane operators who visited CONEXPO earlier this year are representative of the crane community as a whole, certification is all but universally considered not just a good thing to have, it's essential to safe operations on construction sites around the country.

Of the more than 100 responses received to a survey conducted among crane operators by NCCCO at the event, fully 94 percent stated that certification was "very important" for cranes to be operated safely. A further 5 percent said it was "somewhat" important. Safety was the No. 1 reason cited. As one respondent put it, "Would you put an inexperienced, untrained, untested person in a \$20,000 car? No? Then why would you put them in a \$3 million crane?" [Read More](#)



CCO TLL Certification Now Offers Boom Truck Option



NCCCO has added a third load chart option, a boom truck, to its CCO Telescopic Boom-Swing Cab (TLL) Mobile Crane Operator Specialty Exams. The new load chart is based on a 50-ton National swing-cab boom truck. "NCCCO wants to remain responsive to industry trends, and adding this new TLL load chart option reflects the market growth for these increasingly popular cranes," explained NCCCO Written Exam Management Committee chairman, Joe Bob Williams. [Read More](#)

NCCCO Offers SC&R Foundation Certification Scholarships

As part of its continuing outreach to youth, highlighting the opportunities offered by the crane and rigging industry, NCCCO has entered into a partnership with the SC&R Foundation to provide successful grant applicants with CCO certification testing, free-of-fees. In all, NCCCO is donating a total of six certification scholarships annually with a combined value of \$2,010 for five years, a total commitment of more than \$10,000. [Read More](#)



Audits Key to Practical Exam Integrity



To maintain the strength, fairness, and ongoing validity of CCO certification, NCCCO audits all aspects of its programs regularly, from the exams themselves to those administering the tests, and even the program and test auditors themselves. This is particularly

important for the practical exams, since there are so many more "moving parts."

ANSI assessors have singled out for praise the high inter-rater reliability NCCCO has achieved among practical examiners on its practical exams, which they have called "exemplary of the best practices in performance testing." [Read More](#)

Building Antlers Bridge

A team of seasoned CCO-certified crane operators worked for more than five years on one of California's largest public works projects since the completion of the Oakland Bay Bridge. The Antlers Bridge reconstruction project, located along Interstate 5 in upstate California, near Lakehead, is owned by the California



Department of Transportation (CALTRANS). It was managed by general contractor Tutor-Perini, which is also building the first legs of the next major CALTRANS signature initiative, the California High Speed Rail project. [Read More](#)

Western Regional Office Expands



Reflecting the increasing demand for CCO certifications nationwide, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) recently consolidated its two Salt Lake City UT offices into a single, larger new office in the suburb of Murray, UT. The new office significantly expands the total

footprint of NCCCO's Western Regional Office to more than 7,000 square feet. NCCCO's offices in Dunedin FL and Fairfax VA are unaffected by the move. [Read More](#)

Visit NCCCO at The Work Truck Show for Free!

Visit NCCCO at The Work Truck Show being held **March 6-9, 2018** in **Indianapolis, IN**. The Work Truck Show is your once-a-year chance to see all of the newest industry products, choose from dozens of industry-focused training courses, and gain access to technical engineering representatives from hundreds of exhibiting companies.

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CCO Certified Crane Inspectors Logo Use and Patch



CCO Certified Crane Inspectors now have the option of using a specially designed logo and designation to signify they are certified. Inspectors may choose to display this on their website, business cards, or even hard hats as long as the terms of use are followed. Certified Inspectors also have access to a new 3 in. embroidered patch designed to be sewn or ironed onto apparel to proudly show their achievement. Certificants can apply to use the special logo by [submitting this form](#) and order the [patch here](#).

Lift Safety Zone Promoted at ICUEE

As a leading advocate of jobsite safety and source of information for the industry, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) was again highly visible at this year's International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE). The biennial ICUEE, also known as "The Demo Expo," is the leading event for utility professionals and construction contractors seeking comprehensive insights into the latest industry technologies, innovations, and trends. [Read More](#)



Did You Know? Recertifying on Added Certifications

If a certified operator subsequently becomes certified in an additional operator designation by taking the appropriate written and practical exams, the certification period for the additional designation expires at the same time his/her original certification (i.e., all operator designations expire on the same date, regardless of when in the five-year certification period the candidate passed them). If the **new designation is added within the final 24 months of his/her certification period, the certificant is exempt from recertifying for the new designation after five years**; after that, however, certificants must recertify for all designations during the 12 months prior to their certifications' expiration date. This ensures that all of the certificant's operator designations maintain the same expiration date.

Questions about this policy or others? Contact the NCCCO Customer Service Department at 703-560-2391.

Employer Quote of the Month



"Through training and the CCO certification program, our operators gain the expertise and the ability to identify hazards or unsafe conditions on the jobsite among many other aspects of safe crane operations. Our operators

have been recognized numerous times by many of our customers for observing unsafe conditions and making corrective action suggestions which ultimately leads to safely and efficiently completing the task." **Troy Wagner, Maxim Crane Works.**

CCO By the Numbers

Number of CCO tests currently in use across all programs.



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This Month in History... 1989

The jib of a hammerhead tower crane being jumped in the center of San Francisco's financial district at morning rush hour crashes to the ground. Once the dust has settled, five are dead, including a member of the public, and dozens injured. State-regulated crane inspections result. Although it will be 15 years before California requires crane operators to be certified, the incident provides major impetus to an existing industry initiative that, in 1995, leads to the establishment of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and the country's first professionally developed national certification program.

NCCCO In The News

It's not just us that talks about CCO Certification! The industry press is abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Here's a recent sampling:

Workforce of the Future Initiates at WCTS - Initiatives to attract, recruit and train the next generation of crane and special transport operatives will be highlighted at the event in November, *International Cranes & Specialized Transport, August 2017*

Sunbury Church Spire, Cupola Get New Lights - A CCO Certified operator is tasked with lighting up the church, *Daily Item, September 2017*

"I Don't Get to Make a Mistake" - A CCO Certified Tower Crane Operator talks about the industry, *Ledger-Enquirer, September 2017*

Allied trades - In recent years, progress has been made in training operators. At the same time, there has been increasing focus on how associated supporting and supervising staff are certified, *Cranes Today, October 2017*

ICUEE 2017 Delivers Innovative Industry Trends, Hands-On Experiences and Enthusiastic Crowds - The Lift Safety Zone was a highlight of ICUEE, *Crane Hotline, October 2017*

CICB Partners with SC&R Foundation - Crane Inspection and Certification Bureau has partnered with SC&R Foundation to offer grants for training for CCO Certification, *Crane Hotline, October 24, 2017*

Supporter Spotlight

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products and supporting our customers with the best customer service in the industry. We call it The Samson Advantage; our customers call it peace of mind.

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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