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NCCCO Testing Continues to be Available Nationwide

NCCCO testing continues throughout the country with numerous accommodations for COVID-19, depending upon the current local rules at each location. At all test sites-paper/pencil testing, computer-based testing, and practical exams-candidate safety is of the utmost concern and social distancing measures have been put in place according to federal guidelines. Practical examiners and test site coordinators all use best practices to limit contact between candidates and testing personnel. For further details, see [NCCCO's COVID-19 Response Center](#).

Call for Volunteers: Telehandlers Operators Task Force Members

In response to industry efforts to comply with OSHA's operator certification requirements, NCCCO has announced plans to develop a new certification program for operators of telehandlers. OSHA requires a certified operator when these machines use a winch. NCCCO is developing this program so that users can meet federal certification requirements and garner the same increased safety benefits that users of other equipment have seen through certification. Volunteers for the Task Force that will develop the new Telehandler Operator certification program are currently being sought, with a view to program development beginning this summer. [Read more](#)



Call for Volunteers: Concrete Pump Operators Task Force Members



NCCCO has announced plans to develop a new certification program for operators of concrete pumps. Volunteers for the Task Force that will develop the new Concrete Pump Operator certification program are currently being sought; program development should commence this fall. Subject matter experts from all aspects of the industry, including users, manufacturers, consultants, labor, government/regulatory, insurance, owners, and associations, are invited to apply for a seat on the Task Force. Those who would like to participate on the Task Force are encouraged to complete and submit an application form. [Read more](#)

Practical Examiner Refresher Workshops go "Virtual"

With the advent of COVID-19 restrictions and many practical examiners approaching their accreditation expiration dates, NCCCO's Practical Examiner Accreditation Team has begun conducting "virtual" refresher workshops. Using Internet-based video conferencing participants are able to interact with the presenters and reaccredit without needing to travel to a physical workshop location. [Read more](#)



NCCCO Board Of Directors Update



Peter Juhren



Tim Watters



Pete Laux



Kerry Hulse



Doug LaCroix



Chris Tremel



Bill Davis



Ellis Vliet



Stephanie Wood

The Board of Directors of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has announced the industry leaders who will serve NCCCO during 2020-2021. Elected to the office of President for a one-year term is Peter Juhren, Morrow Equipment, Salem, OR. Elected to a one-year term as Vice President is Tim Watters, Hoffman Equipment, Piscataway, NJ. Elected to a one-year term as Secretary/Treasurer is Pete Laux, Kiewit Corporation, Omaha, NE.

Newly elected to the Board for three-year terms are Douglas LaCroix, Cianbro Equipment, Pittsfield, ME, and Christopher Tremel, International Union of Operating Engineers, Washington, DC. [Read more](#)

Crane Inspectors Directory Adds Search Function

The [Crane Inspectors Directory](#) maintained on the NCCCO website has new interactive functionality. Users can search by crane type and location or get a list of all applicable inspectors sorted by state.

Crane Inspector Directory

Use the fields below to search for Crane Inspectors by NCCCO certification designation and location. Regional and nationwide crane inspectors are listed below those headquartered in the specified state:

- Select a Crane Type -

- Select Location - - Select a state to find a nearby Crane Inspector.

- Select this option to list nationwide Crane Inspectors.

- Select this option for a list of all specified Crane Inspectors sorted by state.

Employers Respond to Crane Operator Evaluation Requirements



Most employers have a fairly sound understanding of their duties and responsibilities to evaluate their crane operators, a new report published today by OSHA crane operator qualification rule that give rise to a degree of confusion the NCCCO Foundation suggests. But there are some aspects of the and misunderstanding. The report *Crane Operator Evaluation: How are employers responding to OSHA's new requirement?* is the result of a study undertaken by the NCCCO Foundation. Download the report [here](#).

Construction Safety Week

Construction Safety Week is quickly approaching, mark your calendars for September 14 - 18, 2020. The mission of the focused week is to strengthen the industry's safety culture and performance by sharing best practices, tools, and resources. Learn more about [Construction Safety Week](#) and find resources to help you [plan your week](#).

NCCCO Thanks Hulse, Callahan for Their Service



Kerry Hulse, Vice President at Deep South Crane & Rigging (Houston, TX), and James Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers (Washington, DC), stepped down from the NCCCO Board of Directors when their terms expired on June 30, 2020. Hulse served on the Board since 1997, when he was selected as Chairman, Commissioners, and subsequently served as Board Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, and President. Callahan served on the Board since 2012.

Does NCCCO have your Current Email Address?

NCCCO is increasingly using email to communicate with candidates and certificants. Recertification reminders are now being sent via email and in the future other important information will also be communicated via email. Please confirm that we have your current email on file by downloading the myNCCCO app for iPhones and Android, using the myNCCCO portal (nccco.org/myNCCCO), emailing candidate@nccco.org, or calling Customer Service at 703-560-2391 ext. 801. Please have your certification number(s) ready when contacting us.

Trudie Dyer Retires

After 15 years of outstanding service to NCCCO, Trudie Dyer-the friendly voice on the phone in the Florida office -recently retired. Always cheerful positive, and helpful in any way possible, Trudie's retirement is well deserved. Please join us in wishing her well as she enjoys her retirement.



Register for the Webinar: *Let B30 Work for You*

JOIN US FOR OUR SESSION:

LET B30 WORK FOR YOU: DEFEND AGAINST PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS

Thursday, September 17, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Speakers: Michael Rubin, Goldberg Segalla LLC & Thom Sickelsteel,
National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators

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Join NCCCO CEO, Thom Sickelsteel on Thursday, September 17 at 2pm for the SC&RA hosted Webinar *Let B30 Work for You: Defend Against Personal Injury Actions*. Participants will take a dive into the B30.5 Standard to fully understand who is responsible for what and how those responsibilities may be allocated for the main types of hazards on job sites. [Register here](#)

NCCCO Changes Dates for Fall Meetings

Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of travel procedures and gathering constraints, NCCCO has made the difficult decision to hold the previously scheduled in-person 2020 Fall Exam Management Committee

and Commissioner meetings virtually. This move will allow maximum participation by NCCCO's valued volunteers, and guests. Committee Meetings are scheduled to run Monday, October 26, 2020 through Wednesday, October 28, 2020. On Thursday, October 29, 2020, the NCCCO Foundation will host the *5th Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications*. The week will conclude with the meeting of the Commissioners on Friday, October 30, 2020. Those interested in being a guest at the meetings or *Forum* can [register here](#).

NCCCO Is Hiring

Do you know someone who wants to help increase safety in the industry? NCCCO is hiring! We currently have the following open positions:

- Processor I (Palm Harbor, FL)
- Processor I (Murray, UT)
- Receptionist (Palm Harbor, FL)
- Receptionist (Murray, UT)

View all open employment opportunities at: <https://nccco.org/jobs0820>

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.

[Signalperson](#) - October 9, Woodland, WA

[Mobile Crane Operator](#) - October 13-October 15, Albuquerque, NM



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Are you on LinkedIn and/or Twitter? Follow us to get the latest news and updates at www.nccco.org/linkedin and [@NCCCOorg](https://www.twitter.com/NCCCOorg).

This Month in History.... 2001

In September 2001 West Virginia became the first state to require by law that crane operators be CCO-certified. At least 16 states followed suit before the Federal Rule was published. Today, CCO certification is still exclusively required by the state.



Employer Quote of the Month



"Our requirement for CCO certification lets our operators know that we are serious about safety. Certification also empowers them to make decisions on the job site because they have the training and knowledge to see an unsafe situation and take corrective actions. It also lets the customers we work with know that our operators are trained to make these decisions and that their decisions are based on facts and training." Nick Matteo, Pro Crane Services, LLC

CCO By The Numbers

The number of emails NCCCO has sent since August of this year to notify candidates that it's time to renew their credentials. Before you know it, mailing information will be a thing of the past! Ensure we have your current email address.

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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:

[Another First for Drill Rig Operator Certification](#) - An NCCCO certificant is recognized as being the first female to become certified as a Drill Rig Operator. Congratulations! *Foundation Drilling, July 2020*

[CIS Expands to Offer NCCCO testing](#) - Crane Industry Services (CIS) has recently expanded it's offerings to include NCCCO testing for Mobile, Tower, and Overhead crane operators as well as Digger Derrick and Rigger Level I and Level II. *International Cranes and Specialized transport, June, 15, 2020*

Supporter Spotlight

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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, Liebherr 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,

Tara Whittington
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