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Become an Accredited Practical Examiner

NCCCO currently has several Crane Operator Practical Examiner Accreditation Program (PEAP) workshops scheduled. These workshops allow certified operators to become accredited by NCCCO to administer practical exams.

Find the details:

[Overhead Crane PEAP](#)

June 2 - 3
Omaha, NE

[Mobile Crane PEAP](#)

June 11 - 13
Harrisburg, PA

[Articulating Crane PEAP](#)

June 14 - 15
Harrisburg, PA

[Tower Crane PEAP](#)

June 19-20
Salem, OR

Supporter Spotlight



Dear Tara,

This month in *CCOnline*, find out about NCCCO's latest certification program—for Lift Directors—now in development, say "farewell" to NCCCO's Immediate Past President John M. Kennedy, discover what some of the most experienced crane operators say about the changes they've seen over their careers, see which exams are now available via computer-based testing (CBT), and see how CCO-certified workers from IUOE Local 324 helped clean up a major oil spill in Michigan.

In state news, learn how Washington state is going "above and beyond" new federal requirements for riggers, identify how California's new rules for articulating boom cranes are more restrictive than the federal rules, and read about how West Virginia has reaffirmed its commitment to CCO certification.

Washington's Requirements for Riggers Now in Effect



Federal OSHA may have been content to merely require riggers to be qualified without expanding on the training or evaluation process required to attain qualification—not so an increasing number of jurisdictions that are going "above and beyond" the federal requirement.

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Lift Directors to Get Certification Program

In response to requests by industry and other stakeholders, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has begun development of a new national certification program for lift directors. This new multi-disciplinary certification will demonstrate that those responsible for planning and executing lifts have the knowledge and skills required for their unique jobs and responsibilities.

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CA Articulating Regulation More Restrictive than Federal

True to form, California has done its best to equal or better the new federal crane rule (29 CFR 1926

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors without whom this program would not have been possible.

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Subpart CC—Cranes and Derricks in Construction) when adopting its own version of the regulations relating to articulating boom cranes used in construction. While the language in Fed-OSHA's exemption to the rule does not limit the size of articulating boom cranes for delivery of construction materials, the

California rule does, thus making California's rule more restrictive.
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Kudos to Kennedy

NCCCO Immediate Past President, John M. Kennedy (pictured right), was recognized for his six years of service to the NCCCO Board of Directors as President at the Board's February meeting in Dunedin, Florida. NCCCO President, J. Chris Ryan, presented Mr. Kennedy, who is Vice President Sales and Marketing, Manitowoc



Cranes, with an award in recognition, also noting his prior Board service as Vice President and Treasurer, as well as his contributions to the NCCCO Commission as Commissioner and as Chairman of the NCCCO Development Task Force.

Cranes Are Safer, But More Training Needed

The construction industry is a better place to work than it was a generation ago, with greater emphasis on crane safety, improved operator aids in cranes, and more available training. But there is still room for further improvement. That's according to a survey conducted by the NCCCO of some of the most experienced—and qualified—crane operators in the United States.



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View the complete survey results in the NCCCO report: [Three Decades of Experience: An NCCCO Survey of Three-Time Recertificants](#)

WV Maintains CCO Certification Requirement

Crane operators wanting to work in West Virginia still need to obtain CCO crane operator certification following the passage of a bill that maintains a decade-old state requirement.



The state also ruled that only accreditation of a certification body by the American National Standards Association (ANSI) is acceptable, dismissing an appeal by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) for "equivalency" status.

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Crane Inspector Exams Now Available via CBT



In keeping with NCCCO's efforts to offer all written exams in both traditional paper-and-pencil format and via computer-based testing (CBT), the written exams for Mobile, Tower, and Overhead [Crane Inspectors](#) are now available at more than 270 PSI test centers across the country. Find the closest [PSI test center](#) by choosing "National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators" as a sponsor and entering your zip code. Apply and pay for the CBT exams via the [online application form](#). As with pencil-and-paper exams, potential Crane Inspector candidates must still complete the [Crane Inspector Experience Forms](#) at least two weeks

prior to submitting their Candidate Applications.

CCO Riggers and Signalpersons to the Rescue

When a 30-inch pipeline ruptured in Marshall, Michigan, causing a million gallons of oil to flood into the Kalamazoo River and raising fears of a major environmental disaster, it was CCO-certified riggers and signalpersons from International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 324 who came to the rescue.

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