



Articulating Crane Operator Certification

6 Steps to Getting Certified

1. Learn all about this certification by visiting nccco.org/ACO and/or downloading the candidate handbook from nccco.org/ACH.
2. Agree to comply with CCO Substance Abuse Policy and Code of Ethics.
3. Prepare for your exams on your own or attend training.
4. Log in/set up a myCCO account at my.ccocert.org.
5. Apply for and schedule your written and practical exams; take exams within six months of application date.
6. Once you have passed your written and practical exams, you will be CCO-certified for five years.

Certification Overview

CCO Articulating Crane Operator certification is available for:

- Articulating Boom Crane (ABC)
- Articulating Boom Crane w/Winch (ABW)
- Articulating Boom Loader (ABL)

You must select at least one of these designations, but may choose up to three by taking the corresponding exam(s).

To earn CCO Articulating Crane Operator certification, within 12 months you must:

- Pass the applicable **written exam**
- Pass the applicable **practical (hands-on) exam(s)**

Find CCO exam fees at nccco.org/examfees.

Exam Preparation

To provide an independent and objective assessment of proficiency, CCO does not offer training. While CCO cannot recommend specific training providers, you can access a directory of training providers at nccco.org/training.

Other options include:

- Self-study using the exam outlines, load charts, and references listed at nccco.org/references
- Employer-provided training
- Tech/vocational school
- Apprenticeship programs

Apply for Written Exams

You may complete your written exams via Online Proctored Testing (OPT), Event Online Testing (EOT), or paper/pencil testing (PPT). The online myCCO Portal exam application process is identical for all testing options; go to my.ccocert.org to get started. Candidates choosing OPT or EOT receive preliminary exam results immediately following testing.

Online Proctored Testing (OPT)

- Take your exam(s) online using your **internet-connected computer**. You will be monitored by a live online proctor for the full duration of the exam. You can test from almost anywhere, 24/7/365. Computers must meet minimum technical requirements as found at www.nccco.org/compreq.
- Applications may be submitted via my.ccocert.org at any time, but **no less than two business days** before your preferred exam date.
- Once the application has been processed, candidates receive a **scheduling authorization email** with specific instructions on how to schedule the date and time of their exam.
- For more information, go to www.nccco.org/OPT.

Event Online Testing (EOT)

- Take your exam(s) online using a computer at an **authorized CCO test site**.
- **Apply and pay** for your exam(s) at my.ccocert.org.
- Once the application has been processed, candidates receive a scheduling authorization email with specific instructions on **how to find an available authorized CCO test site**.
- For more information, go to www.nccco.org/EOT.

Paper/Pencil Testing (PTT)

- **Find an exam** that suits your location and schedule at nccco.org/findwritten.
- **Check on availability** and get the test site information required on your application.
- **Apply and pay** for your exams at my.ccocert.org.

Apply for Practical Exam(s)

To schedule your practical exam(s):

- **Apply and pay** for your exam(s) at my.ccocert.org.
- Within 30 minutes you will receive an **email confirmation** containing an **Authorization Code** for each exam registered for.
- Find an **Open Practical Test Site** listed at nccco.org/practical-sites, or contact a CCO-credentialed **Practical Exam Proctor** listed at nccco.org/pp-for-hire.
- On test day, **provide a printed or electronic copy of the Authorization Code** to the Practical Exam Proctor.

More Information

For more information, contact CCO Customer Service at candidate@nccco.org or call (703) 560-2391.