



Digger Derrick Operator Certification

6 Steps to Getting Certified

1. Learn all about this certification by visiting nccco.org/DDO and/or downloading the candidate handbook from nccco.org/DDCH.
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.

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/compreg.

- 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.

Certification Overview

To earn CCO Digger Derrick Operator certification, within 12 months you must:

- Pass the Digger Derrick Operator **written exam**
- Pass the Digger Derrick Operator **practical** (hands-on) **exam**

You may take your exams in either order.

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

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.

OSHA Requirements

Federal OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Subpart CC requires digger derrick operators involved with construction work to be certified. For details on OSHA requirements, visit the NCCCO OSHA Crane Rule Resource Center at nccco.org/osha-rule.

More Information

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