



Overhead Crane Operator Certification

6 Steps to Getting Certified

1. Learn all about this certification by visiting nccco.org/OCO and/or downloading the candidate handbook from nccco.org/OCH.
2. Agree to comply with NCCCO Substance Abuse Policy and Code of Ethics.
3. Prepare for your exams on your own or attend training.
4. Apply for and schedule your written exams, via either computer-based testing (CBT) or paper/pencil testing (PPT).
5. Complete the online application, find a practical test site, and schedule your practical exam(s).
6. Once you have passed your written and practical exams, you will be CCO-certified for five years.

Certification Overview

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

- Pass the Overhead Crane Operator **written exam**
- Pass the Overhead Crane Operator **practical (hands-on) exam**

Find CCO exam fees at nccco.org/examfees.

Exam Preparation

To provide an independent and objective assessment of proficiency, NCCCO does not offer training. While NCCCO 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 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 **computer-based testing (CBT)** or **paper/pencil testing (PPT)**. The CBT option is available at 400+ locations across the country and provides quicker scheduling and same-day results reporting.

If you choose the **CBT option**:

- Submit a CBT application online and pay for your exams at nccco.org/applyCBT.
- Within 48 hours of submitting the application you will receive an email confirmation with instructions on registering for a date and time to take your exam.
- Locate a CBT test center by entering your ZIP code at nccco.org/CBTlocations.

If you choose the **PPT option**:

- 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 nccco.org/applyPPT.

Apply for Practical Exam(s)

To schedule your practical exam(s):

- **Apply and pay** for your exam(s) at nccco.org/applyPractical.
- 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-accredited **Practical Examiner** listed at nccco.org/pe-for-hire.
- On test day, **provide a printed or electronic copy of the Authorization Code** to the Practical Examiner.

OSHA Requirements

Federal OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Subpart CC requires overhead crane 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 and select option 1.