Certification in the News  
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Dear Tara,

Exciting new things are happening at NCCCO, new exams in development, new delivery methods for current exams, new Practical Examiners - and the real reason calculators aren't allowed in exams.

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**CCO Tests Now Offered Via Computer**

CCO mobile crane written exams are now available nationwide via computer, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has announced.

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**Development Underway for Articulating Crane Operator Certification**

The Articulating Crane Council of North America (ACCN), an affiliate division of the National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA), and the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) are cooperatively developing a certification program for operators of truck-mounted articulating boom cranes.

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**Examiners From Six More States Sign on for Signalperson Certification**

In a show of support for NCCCO's two latest certification programs, Safety Resources Unlimited (SRU) hosted a two-day Signalperson Practical Examiner Workshop at its Oklahoma City, OK headquarters in January, followed by a three-day Rigger Task Force meeting.

A total of eight examiners from six states graduated from the Signalperson Workshop, bringing the total number of Practical Examiners available to administer the CCO Signalperson practical...
exam to well over 100 nationwide. The group included experienced mobile, tower, and overhead practical examiners as well as those new to the CCO practical examination process.

**Calculators on Certification Tests Don't Meet B30.5 Standard**

With the emergence of certification programs that permit the use of calculators in their tests, the controversy surrounding the appropriateness of their use has once again resurfaced. "Ever since the first national exams were released by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) back in 1996, there has been debate as to whether they should be permitted," said NCCCO Executive Director, Graham Brent. "Some experts have pointed to the almost universal use of calculators in all aspects of personal and professional life, while others believe that certified operators should be able to solve basic addition, subtraction and division problems without assistance."

**NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!**

NCCCO is interested in your feedback. Do you have a question, comment, idea or concern about CCO national crane operator (Mobile, Tower and Overhead) or the new Signalperson or Rigger certification programs? Drop us an email with your thoughts.

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