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NCCCO Unveils New Logo!

Reflecting its expanding scope into personnel certifications for those who use load handling equipment other than cranes, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is transitioning to a new logo, effective January 1, 2021. While the new logo retains the familiar stylized "CCO" with headache ball and hook, the words around the logo have now been removed. [Read more.](#)



New Logo Requires New Permission Form

Training companies that have already received permission to use NCCCO's old logo may continue to do so until June 30, 2021, at which point they will be required to transition to the new logo. NCCCO is developing a streamlined logo-use approval framework for Training Providers to be rolled out in April. The revised framework will allow for permissions to use the new logo while eliminating the need for NCCCO to review and approve some materials before distribution. Watch for details regarding the new logo program and a mandatory [new application](#) that will need to be completed to receive the new logo.

OSHA Reveals Top Crane Violations

Top Crane Violations FY20 Data (OIS 10/16/20)				
Standard	Total Violations	Serious Violations	Willful Violations	Repeat Violations
1926.1412 - Inspections	354	197	0	7
1926.1428 - Signal person qualifications	167	111	0	3
1926.1408 - Power line safety	150	127	0	0
1926.1425 - Keeping clear of the load	142	118	0	0
1926.1417 - Operation	123	82	0	2
1926.1404 - Assembly/Disassembly	85	69	1	2
1926.1427 - Operator Qualification & Certification	84	61	2	0
1926.1431 - Hoisting personnel	73	63	0	0
1926.1413 - Wire rope-inspection	71	45	0	0
1926.1430 - Training	58	50	0	1

Scott Ketcham, Director of OSHA's Directorate of Construction, presented the top ten 2020 crane violations cited by OSHA through mid-October at the 5th Annual Industry Forum sponsored by the NCCCO Foundation on October 29, 2020. Find out how NCCCO and CCO certification programs can help employers ensure personnel working in and around their equipment have documented qualification through fair, unbiased, defensible certification, thereby avoiding costly OSHA fines. [Read More.](#)

OSHA Requires Certification for DPD

When the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) passed its final crane rule (1926 Subpart CC) in November 2018, the crane industry had long anticipated its requirements for operators to be certified. Those in other related industries such as the pile driving industry, however, may not have realized that they were also impacted. Not only does the rule apply to those who use pile driving attachments on cranes, but it also applies to dedicated pile driving rigs. In fact, the full rule applies to dedicated pile driving rigs except for the requirements for anti two-blocking devices and load weighing and similar devices (the later only on equipment manufactured after November 2011). Read the [full article](#) published in *Pile Driver*.



Testing In COVID



The Department of Homeland Security identified operators of cranes used in construction as "essential." Due to this designation, and because Federal OSHA requires these operators to be certified, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators is also considered by the Department of Homeland Security to be part of the "essential critical infrastructure workforce." This has resulted in NCCCO being able to continue testing throughout COVID-19 with little disruption. As the COVID-19 pandemic goes through a surge heading into 2021, NCCCO continues to test within the rules set forth by local jurisdictions. [Read more.](#)

New Fee Schedule

NCCCO is further simplifying its exam fee schedule and lowering exam fees for certain exams. The fee for candidates taking Mobile Crane, Tower Crane, Overhead Crane, Articulating Crane, and Digger Derrick operator practical exams will be reduced from \$70 to \$60. This will be a fixed fee for each exam so eliminates the bundle pricing previously applied for taking multiple mobile and articulating crane operator exams. Similarly, the written and practical exam rates for the Rigger and Signaller programs will be reduced from \$100 per an exam to \$85. Fee reductions will be effective for practical exams and paper/pencil exams administered on or after July 1, 2021; for computer-based tests the reduced fee will take effect for applications received on or after July 1, 2021. Read more about these fee changes and other improvements [here](#).

Elimination of Restricted Certifications

The short boom restrictions for candidates passing CCO practical exams on cranes not meeting minimum standardized boom configurations have been eliminated, based in part on the duplication with other CCO mobile crane operator certifications. Any currently scheduled exam administrations will be honored, but the candidate handbooks have been updated accordingly, including the removal of candidate applications for the Telescopic Boom-Restricted written exam. The short boom restricted certifications were developed specifically for operators of cranes that are used in industries such as the precast concrete industry, but a lack of demand has made continued maintenance of this designation not viable. Candidates who are affected by the elimination are being notified. Questions may be directed to candidate@nccco.org.

Spring Commissioner Meetings

The 50th Biannual Commissioners Meeting and spring committee meetings will be held virtually due to COVID restrictions. During the week of April 27-30, six committees and the full Commission will meet using video conferencing. Most portions of the meetings are open to guests. See the [full schedule](#) of meetings or [register](#) to attend.



Paper/Pencil Applications Move Exclusively to Online Submission

As NCCCO continues to migrate to electronic communication, candidate applications must be submitted online using the NCCCO website (www.nccco.org/applyPPT). As with candidate applications for computer-based testing, candidates will provide their contact information, identify the exams they are registering for, and provide payment during the application process. Candidates will also need to have identified the test site at which they plan to test and provide those details, just as they do on the current paper application. The elimination of paper application is part of NCCCO's continuous improvement efforts and is expected to result in fewer errors, create a more streamlined and efficient process, and reduced delays in payment processing. Questions from **candidates** should be directed to candidate@nccco.org; **Test Site Coordinators** should direct questions to writtenexam@nccco.org.

Training Provider Renewal



All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it is time to renew and update any current listings. In order to continue to be listed in 2021, all providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and required documentation. A Certificate of Recognition for 2021 will be emailed to all renewing training provider companies.

NCCCO is hiring!

Employment opportunities exist for dedicated professionals interested in furthering the mission of the nation's leading nonprofit crane and rigging personnel certification organization, NCCCO. If you have a passion for safety and seek a rewarding career in supporting the effort to reduce injuries and fatalities through accredited CCO certification, we'd like to hear from you.

NCCCO is hiring for several positions in our Utah and Florida offices. To gain more information and to see what positions are available, visit [NCCCO - Employment Opportunities](#)

NCCCO Obtains Injunction Against Training Provider

On November 24, 2020, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama issued a preliminary injunction against Alabama-based Nationwide Equipment Training and its owner, Donald Childers, based on a finding that NCCCO has a "substantial likelihood of success on the merits" of its claims for copyright infringement. (Nationwide Crane Training, based in Nevada, is an unrelated company.) Among other things, the injunction restrains Mr. Childers and Nationwide Equipment Training from engaging in any training of candidates seeking certification through any NCCCO certification program, or from coming within 1,000 feet of any NCCCO exam administration. NCCCO takes the security of its certification exams seriously and intends to vigorously pursue its claims for substantial damages and permanent injunctive relief against Mr. Childers and Nationwide Equipment Training.

Utility Expo 2021

Covering more than 30 acres, The Utility Expo is the largest event for utility professionals and construction contractors seeking the latest industry technologies, innovations, and trends. The Utility Expo experience - a place where professionals from all utility sectors come together to share new equipment, new ideas, and new solutions.



Where: Louisville, KY

When: September 28-30, 2021

Registration will open in May 2021. To receive [registration](#) and [event](#) updates check out [The Utility Expo](#).

Unfortunately, NCCCO will not be in attendance to the event this year. We hope to see you at the next event!

Upcoming PEAP Workshops

Learn to administer CCO practical exams! Attend any of these Practical Examiner Accreditation Program workshops:

Refresher Workshop- March 10-11, Virtual

Mobile Crane Operator- May 11-13, Converse, TX

Refresher Workshop- June 16-17, Virtual

Refresher Workshop- August 25-26, Virtual

Refresher Workshop- December 8-9, Virtual



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CCO By The Numbers

The number of NCCCO practical exam test sites currently in good standing and available for testing.

2,391

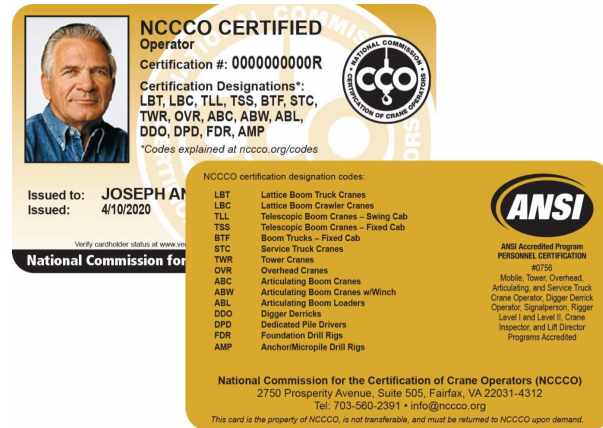
This month in history...2010



Covering both articulating boom cranes and articulating boom loaders, the CCO Articulating Crane Operator certification program directly addresses a need identified by industry at the time due to the increasing popularity of this equipment. This program was quickly adopted by the industry and become one of the most popular programs according to testing volume. Get more info at www.nccco.org/ACO.

Did You Know?

Given the wide range of NCCCO certifications offered, NCCCO frequently uses abbreviations (or "codes") for certification designations. You'll find these codes on your certification card(s), in VerifyCCO, in the myNCCCO app, on the NCCCO website, and elsewhere. For a complete list, go to www.nccco.org/codes.



NCCCO in the News

We're not the only ones who love talking about CCO Certification! Industry media outlets are abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Take a look at what the press is saying:

[Brent discusses vision for NCCCO Foundation](#) - Our former CEO and now head of the NCCCO Foundation, Graham Brent talks about his future plans for the NCCCO Foundation. *American Crane & Transport*, November 2020

[SC&R Foundation Names Latest Scholarship Winners](#) - Congratulations to Chandler Bingham for being the Austin Esary Memorial Scholarship recipient for 2020! Welcome to the NCCCO family. *Crane Hotline*, December 2020

Sponsor Spotlight

The Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association (SC&RA) is an international trade association where members are involved in specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting, manufacturing, rentals, and crane and rigging operations. They advocate, educate, and provide networking opportunities that help industry stakeholders operate safely, legally, and profitably around the world. SC&RA helps their members run efficient and safer businesses by researching and reporting safety concerns, monitoring pending legislation and regulated policies on the state and national level, and by providing four yearly forums where these topics can be discussed and improved.



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