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CCO Prepares New Certification for Concrete Pump Operators

The CCO Concrete Pump Operator certification program will launch in just a few short weeks. CCO recently spent some time with Kyle Rask, Program Manager – Concrete Pumping at NBIS.

Kyle shared why he has become involved with this new program and what people need to know about it ahead of its June 2022 launch. [Read More](#)

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OSHA Compliance Directive

The highly anticipated Compliance Directive for the Cranes and Derricks in Construction Standard (29 CFR Part 1926 Subpart CC) has finally been published last weekend (dated February 11, 2022).



The Directive clarifies scope items related to power industrial trucks (forklifts), digger derricks, and other items. At the very least, we can expect heightened enforcement of the crane rule, including crane operator, signalperson, rigger, operator evaluator, assembly/disassembly director, and lift director qualifications. [Read More](#)

CCO Certification Cards to Get QR Codes

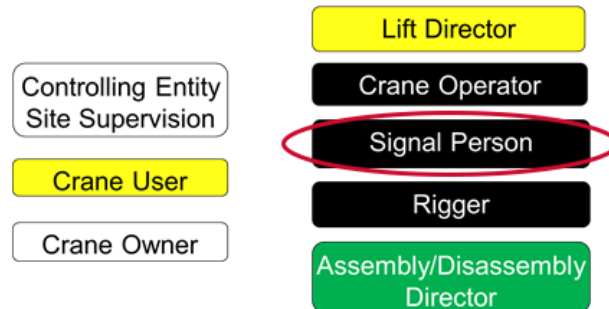


Beginning this month, CCO cards include a QR code that links directly to the Verify CCO Online (VCO) system. The QR codes can be scanned using smartphones, which will then automatically pull up all the card holder's current certifications and their expiration dates. While this information is currently available via the VCO system at verifycco.org, the QR codes will take users directly to the information without having to type in the certification number, making it much easier and faster for stakeholders to verify that an individual holds the qualifications required.

CCO Certification Meets All Signalperson Qualification Requirements

Fifth in a Series of Articles Reviewing Roles That Have Been Identified When Working with Cranes

Signalpersons can have the greatest impact on jobsites with cranes. In essence, they are the eyes and ears of the operator—especially in situations where the operator cannot see the load. Rightfully, the signal person requirements have grown in OSHA and are an area of focus for ASME. Under OSHA, the signal person must be a qualified person and is required when the point of operation is not in full view of the operator, the view of the direction of travel is obstructed, or when there are site-specific safety concerns that the operator or person handling the load determines a signal person is necessary. [Read More](#)



Associated Training Services Signs On As CCO Platinum Level Sponsor



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Taking advantage of CCO's newly restructured sponsorship program, [Associated Training Services](#) (Sun Prairie, WI) has signed on as a top-tier Platinum Level corporate sponsor.

ATS provides training on a wide range of equipment in preparation for careers in the skilled trades and the requisite certification exams, including CCO certifications.

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Mark Your Calendars!

It's never too early to plan for CONEXPO! The largest construction related tradeshow is a must-attend for those in the industry and will take place in **Las Vegas, March 14-18, 2023**. Registration will open in August 2022. CCO will have a **special discount code** available at that time. Don't register at full price!



Updated Practical Exam Released

A new version of the CCO Signalperson Practical Exam was released on April 1. The new exam consists of 30 scenarios of still imagery for which the candidate needs to provide the correct hand or voice signal to match the scenario.

This change was necessary because the previous CCO Signalperson Practical Exam used Adobe Flash animation, which Adobe stopped supporting last year and then started blocking any Flash content earlier this year. CCO is currently exploring additional options to add video and multi-direction scenarios back into the exams.



NCCCO Office Closure



In honor of Memorial Day, CCO offices will follow the following holiday closure schedule:

Monday, May 30 – Offices will be closed

All offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. in their respective time zones on **Tuesday, May 31, 2022.**

CBT Exam Fees Now Valid for 6 Months

Candidates applying to take CBT exams as of May 1, 2022, will have six months to complete those exams. This change brings the CBT application in line with the eligibility requirements for other CCO exams. Most candidates already test within this timeframe.

For more information, [click here](#).



Telehandler Task Force Finalizing Practical Exam



In March, the Telehandler Task Force wrapped up its final practical exam development meeting at [Magni](#) Telescopic Handlers in Houston, TX. Pilot testing is now underway!

Stay tuned for more information on the new CCO Telehandler Operator certification, which is set to launch by the end of the year. [Read More](#)

Spring Commissioners Meeting Recap

The 52nd Biannual NCCCO Commissioners Meeting was held on April 22, 2022, at Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

More than 90 NCCCO Commissioners, committee members, guests, and staff gathered for the meeting on Friday, which was preceded as usual by three full days of committee meetings, including the exam management committees for the Mobile Crane Written Exam, Tower Crane, Overhead Crane, Drill Rig, and Signalperson programs. NCCCO's Practical Exam Accreditation and Audit Committee was also in session. [Read More](#)



This Month in History...2009

In May 2009, the CCO Rigger Level I certification first became available. CCO Rigger Level I certification is an excellent way to demonstrate qualification to OSHA requirements. In some circumstances, OSHA requires employers to always use qualified riggers. These include any hoisting activities relating to the assembly and disassembly of the rig. Qualified riggers must also be used whenever there will be other workers inside the fall zone (the area directly under a load or the expanded area a load could fall into). Qualified riggers must also be used whenever workers will be guiding a load, hooking and unhooking a load, or connecting a load to a structure while it is still attached to the rig.



Learn more about how to earn Rigger certification by clicking [here](#).

CCO 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:

Veterans Receive Crane Training Recognition - Congratulations to the first recipients of the VICTOR program, who were announced by the NCCCO Foundation and Heavy Equipment Colleges of America (HEC). *Construction Equipment*, February 2022

Quality Roofing Worker Celebrates 10 Years of Crane Certification with Zero Safety Incidents- A Wisconsin roofing company places value on safety and sees zero incidence from CCO-certified employees. *Roofing Contractor*, February 2022

What are the new trends in operator training? - Properly training operators is a key part of ensuring safety on site and helping operators achieve CCO certification. From VR simulators to viral video content, technology and the digital post-pandemic world are showing smarter ways to communicate and teach. *International Cranes and Specialized Transport*, March 2022

2022 Sponsorship Opportunities Available



CCO 2022 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual Corporate Sponsorships
- myCCO Mobile App
- Task Force, Committee, and Commission Meetings
- Meeting Breaks
- Wi-Fi/Audio-Visual
- Room Keys
- Training Providers Roundtables

CCO has increased the ways you can get your brand recognized in the industry for 2022.

This year there are two ways to participate: Annual Corporate Sponsorships and “À la Carte” Sponsorships of specific events. Corporate Sponsorships feature recognition throughout the year at all CCO events, on the CCO website, in the *CCOnline* newsletter, and in industry and social media. These annual Corporate Sponsorships give the best return on investment and keep your brand in front of the entire CCO and load handling equipment community on an ongoing basis. Various sponsorship levels are available to enable organizations of all sizes to participate. À la carte

sponsorships give your organization concentrated exposure to specific groups by sponsoring specific

events such as CCO Exam Management Committee and Task Force meetings, meeting breaks, or the Training Providers Roundtables.

Check out all of the opportunities and benefits of [Sponsorship](#). For more information, or to secure an opportunity, contact Tara Whittington at (703) 560-2391 ext 206 or twhittington@nccco.org.

CCO by the Numbers

Did you know that CCO offers 27 different OSHA-compliant certifications?

Learn about them all and how to get certified at www.nccco.org/all

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CCO 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, CCO. 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 Virginia, Florida, and Utah locations. To get more information and to see what positions are available, visit [NCCCO - Employment Opportunities](#).

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