

National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators
Candidate Fee Restructure FAQ

1. Why is NCCCO changing candidate exam fees?

NCCCO is simplifying its fee structure.

The fee structure as it exists today is complex and inconsistent resulting in additional fees if candidates do not correctly complete their applications and pay the appropriate fees. This simplification should assist in minimizing these additional charges.

For most exams, there will be a slight increase in fees. NCCCO has not changed its fees in more than 17 years.

2. Are any fees being reduced or eliminated?

Yes! Under the old fee structure, NCCCO charged candidates who added a certification to their current card a fee if they wanted to update their card. NCCCO will no longer charge this fee and will automatically send out an updated certification card every time a certificant adds a certification.

Additionally, the number of candidates submitting insufficient and incorrect fees will be reduced by the simplification, therefore the number of candidates charged fees associated with incorrect applications will be reduced.

3. When does it take effect?

New fees will apply to all paper/pencil test administrations and all practical test administrations that take place on January 1, 2020 and later regardless of when the application is submitted. Candidates submitting Computer Based Testing applications on or after January 1, 2020 will be subject to the new fees.

4. Which exams are impacted?

All NCCCO written and practical exams, except for the exams associated with the Dedicated Pile Driver and Drill Rig Operator certification programs will change. These two programs are not affected because those fees are already in line with the new structure.

5. What is the new cost of certification?

In order to obtain one **operator certification**, the written exam fee will be \$180 (if testing at a paper/pencil administration (PPT)) or \$250 (if testing CBT) and \$70 for the practical. In total, an operator certification is \$250 (or \$320 CBT).

Those certifying in the **rigger or signalperson** categories will pay \$100 (PPT) or \$170 (CBT) for the written exam and \$100 for the practical. In total, the cost of one signalperson or rigger certification is \$200 (or \$270 CBT). Note that NCCCO will continue to offer the "combined" package for SGP/RIG-1 or RIG-1/RIG-2 for \$270.

Crane Inspector candidates will pay \$500 (PPT) or \$640 (CBT) for the written exams. Additional exam fees may apply based on your existing certifications.

Written exams for the **Lift Director** certification will be \$300 (PPT) or \$440 (CBT). Additional exam fees may apply based on your existing certifications.

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NCCCO certification, when factored across the five (5) year certification, still is considerably lower than many professional certifications. For instance, an operator taking paper/pencil exams is paying **\$50 per a year**.

6. Are recertification exam fees impacted?

Yes, recertification exams are being brought in line with initial exam fees. However, in nearly all cases, recertificants have to take fewer exams as compared to initial candidates, so in total, the cost of recertification is less than initial certification. For example, to recertify a TLL certification, you would be required to take the Core Recert + TLL Recert, for a cost of \$180 (PPT) or \$250 (CBT).

7. Is there a discount for tower crane operator certification if a candidate is also certified in mobile crane operation?

No. The restructure eliminates the multiple fee pricing model and the confusion that came with it. Each exam has a fixed exam fee. This is a major part of the exam fee restructure to simplify it for everyone.

8. Does this fee restructure affect the cost of training?

No. NCCCO does not offer training and training providers set their own fees as it relates to conducting training courses. These fees are separate from NCCCO testing fees.