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Holiday Closure



NCCCO would like to take this opportunity to wish our family and friends Happy Holidays. We hope you enjoy the season with loved ones. NCCCO offices will follow the following holiday closure schedule:

Tuesday, December 24 - Offices will close at 2 pm in their respective time zones
Wednesday, December 25 - Thursday, December 26 - Offices will be closed
Tuesday, December 31 - Offices will close at 2 pm in their respective time zones
Wednesday, January 1 - Offices will be closed

All offices will reopen at 8:30 am in their respective time zones on Thursday, January 2.

New NCCCO Website Launched

In addition to providing a more modern look and feel, [NCCCO's website](#) been redesigned to be more mobile-friendly. With more of us accessing the internet using our phones, tablets, and other mobile devices, NCCCO's new website uses a "responsive" design that delivers device-optimized content that is easier to read and navigate than our previous site. All of the existing content is still available, but it has been reorganized around a "megamenu," which appears just below the header on each page. Feel free to [drop us a line](#) to share your initial thoughts and impressions of the new design!

Physical Eligibility Requirement Dropped

NCCCO is removing the eligibility requirement for candidates to attest to having had a physical examination. The change is effective January 1, 2020 and applies to all NCCCO operator certifications. The physical demands placed on a certified crane operator are known only to the employer rather than the certification body, said NCCCO CEO, Thom Sickelsteel. [Read More](#)



OSHA Director Pledges Support at Industry Forum



Director of OSHA's Directorate of Construction, Scott Ketcham, didn't mince words about his position on industry engagement when providing the keynote presentation at the NCCCO Foundation's *4th Industry Forum* on Personnel Qualifications. "Our ears are open to listening and working with you," Director Ketcham said. ". . . we care about your interests, we care about doing things safely, and we care about learning from you and making the industry even safer."

[Read More](#)

OSHA Reinforces Need for Certification Bodies to be Accredited

OSHA has issued a [Memorandum](#) to all its Regional Administrators and State Plan Designees that underlines the need for certification bodies offering certification for crane operators to be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body such as NCCA or ANSI. This is required by 29 CFR 1926.1427(d). The states of [Hawaii](#) and [Pennsylvania](#) had previously taken action. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Foundation Publishes Accredited Certifiers Directory

SECTION F - ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS	
IFCA - Electrical Industry Certification Association	
INCOE - National Committee for the Certification of Crane Operators	
NCCCO - National Center for Construction Education and Research	
NSCF - National Safety Foundation	
SECTION G - ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS	
CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION	
ACREDITED BY THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)	
Crane Operator	01/20/2002
Crane Inspector	01/20/2002
Mobile Crane Operator	01/20/2002
Articulating Crane Operator	01/20/2002
Pile Driver Operator	01/20/2002
Crane Type Advisory Group (CTAG)	01/20/2002
Articulating Boom Crane	01/20/2002
Articulating Boom Crane Operator	01/20/2002
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Who's Accredited?

The [Who's Accredited? Directory](#) just published by the NCCCO Foundation is designed to take the guesswork out of determining whether or not a certification organization is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body, as OSHA requires. The Directory also provides a direct link to the listing maintained by the two accrediting bodies that OSHA recognizes. [Read More](#)

Operator Evaluations: How Are You Coping?

The rules governing the qualifications of crane operators published last year are the most comprehensive ever issued by Federal OSHA. One year on, how are employers reacting to their new responsibilities? In particular, how is the new evaluation component being addressed in practice? Please take a moment to complete a short 10-question [survey here](#). Your responses will be completely anonymous and used only in aggregated, summary form.

Special CONEXPO Registration Discounts



NCCCO is delighted to announce that by special arrangement with AEM--the organizer of CONEXPO/CON-AGG--we are able to offer discounted rates for both Exhibition Registration and Education Sessions at CONEXPO 2020. Save up to \$100 off registration fees by [clicking here!](#)

NCCCO Accepts ANSI Workforce Development Award

NCCCO received the inaugural ANSI Workforce Development and Innovation Award at the 2019 ANSI Leadership and Service Awards Banquet and Ceremony in Washington, DC last month. The award recognizes an accredited credentialing body that significantly impacts workforce development in the United States. [Read More](#)



IUOE Hosts 47th Biannual Commission Meeting



IUOE's state-of-the-art International Training and Education Center was the host for the 47th Biannual Meeting of the NCCCO Commission held October 25 in Crosby, TX (near Houston). More than 60 Commissioners, Committee members, guests, and staff assembled for the meeting, which was preceded as usual by three full days of meetings of several NCCCO Exam Management Committees, including those with oversight of the

NCCCO Mobile Crane, Articulating Crane, Pile Driver, and Crane Inspector certification programs. NCCCO's Crane Type Advisory Group (CTAG) also met and made determinations regarding certain types of cranes that do not have a certification program dedicated to them. The *4th Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications* was held at the same facility on Thursday, October 24. [View the photo gallery.](#)

Kenny Shinn Honored by NCCCO Commission



Longtime NCCCO Commissioner and Committee member, Kenneth ("Kenny") J. Shinn, who passed away June 5, was recognized for his contributions to crane safety and, in particular, crane operator certification, at the 47th Biannual Meeting of the NCCCO Commission held last month in Crosby (Houston) Texas in a [video](#) tribute. [Read More.](#)



Graham Brent Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

NCCCO has awarded its inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award to its founding CEO, Graham Brent. Brent, who recently stepped down from NCCCO to lead the NCCCO Foundation, served as the organization's chief executive since 1996. The award was presented at the *4th Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications* in Crosby (Houston), Texas by Thom Sickelsteel who took up the position of CEO of NCCCO on July 1. [Read More](#)



CTAG Deliberates Crane Type Certifications



NCCCO's Crane Type Advisory Group (CTAG) experts met again in October, their 12th such meeting, to review questions from owners of cranes for which there is no specific accredited operator certification available and to determine which existing certification is "most similar." The NCCCO Foundation is planning the release of its **Crane Type Determinations Directory** early in the New Year. Send inquiries to cranetype@ncccofoundation.org.

NCCCO Foundation Launches Website

The NCCCO Foundation has launched a web site at www.ncccofoundation.org. The site serves as "information central" for all matters concerning the NCCCO Foundation's mission of education and information around safety issues and promoting the industry to youth and underserved communities.



John Zarian Appointed to ANSI PCAC



The ANSI National Accreditation Board has appointed NCCCO General Counsel and Director of Administration, John Zarian, to its Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee (PCAC) responsible for the ANSI Personnel Certification Accreditation program. Zarian will begin his three-year term January 1, 2020 and be eligible for a total of three consecutive terms. [Read More](#)

CONEXPO Anticipation Builds



With just over 14 weeks left before the nation's triennial construction extravaganza known as CONEXPO-CONAGG kicks off in Las Vegas, NV, anticipation is building for the crane and rigging education sessions scheduled there. More than a dozen seminars and workshops from speakers from around the U.S. and the World will present on a huge variety of subjects ranging from personnel responsibilities and the causes of crane accidents, to best practices for inspecting cranes and rigging.

[Read More](#)

Demonstrating Safety in Latin America

NCCCO took center stage in the demonstration area at the second-ever CONEXPO Latin America, held in October in Santiago, Chile. Working closely with the show organizer AEM, NCCCO shared how improved operator qualification and certification improves construction site safety. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Fee Restructuring

2020 NCCCO Candidate Fees			
INITIAL CERTIFICATION	Practical Exam Fee	Admin Exam Fee	Exam Card
Mobile Crane Operator Program			
Mobile Crane Crane 1 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 2 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 3 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 4 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 5 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 6 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
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Mobile Crane Crane 98 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 99 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	
Mobile Crane Crane 100 - 100k lbs	\$250	\$250	

Effective January 1, 2020, NCCCO will implement a streamlined fee structure for many of its candidate certification and recertification exams, including most paper/pencil tests, computer-based tests, and practical exams. The new fee structure features a single fee for each exam, regardless of which certifications candidates currently hold. The new fees include a new NCCCO certification card issued to certificants each time they add another certification, eliminating the time and expense of ordering updated cards and ensuring that cards show all certifications currently held. [Read More](#)

Commissioner Spotlight: Troy Krumm

Back in 1979, Troy Krumm was hired by Link-Belt Cranes and, apart from a brief stint with a Link-Belt distributor, has been employed by the company ever since. His crane roots go further back even than that, however; his father was the service manager at a Link-Belt distributor in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Troy cut his crane teeth doing odd jobs around the shop, helping the mechanics. "I kind of grew up in the industry," Krumm says. Eventually he found himself going out on field service calls. "That's how I learned how to operate and run a crane," he recalls. Throughout the years Krumm has held a variety of positions and in a variety of locations around the country. Today he manages a group of seven North American district service reps, three international district service reps, and three structural welders. [Read More](#)



Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

Are you interested in being able to administer CCO practical exams? Why not apply to become an NCCCO Practical Examiner by attending an upcoming Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop.

The following workshops will be held before, during, and immediately following CONEXPO in Las Vegas, NV



Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher - Operator Programs: March 5, 2020

Mobile Crane Operator: March 5-7, 2020

Articulating Crane Operator (ABC only; no ABL): March 6-7, 2020

Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher-Operator Programs: March 14, 2020

Rigger Refresher: March 14, 2020

Signalperson Refresher: March 15, 2020

Signalperson: March 15, 2020

Rigger Level I: March 16-17, 2020

Mobile Crane Operator: March 15-17, 2020

CCO By The Numbers



**Number of exams administered by
NCCCO every business hour**

Employer Recognition Program

It's time for all employers enrolled in NCCCO's *Committed to Crane Safety* Employer Recognition Program to renew for another year. As with initial enrollment, there is no fee for renewal. Companies that participate in the program and achieve recognition enhance their standing in the industry. In addition, they are nationally recognized for their commitment on the NCCCO website, the *CCOnline* newsletter, and in other industry media. NCCCO strongly encourages all eligible employers to apply for inclusion in the directory. All companies currently enrolled in the *Committed to Crane Safety* program should [re-apply for 2020 here](#).

Companies that employ CCO-certified operators, riggers, and/or signalpersons wishing to be considered for inclusion, should [apply here](#).



Did You Know?

As of January 1, 2020, candidates who add certifications to their existing certifications will no longer have to request, or pay for, an updated card. 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!

Annual Training Provider Renewal

All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it's time to renew and update their listing. All providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and **required documentation** in order to continue being listed in 2020. A Certificate of Recognition for 2020 will be mailed to all renewing companies. Not yet applied to be listed on the NCCCO Training Providers website? Complete this [application](#).

This Month in History.... 2008

Cal-OSHA publishes its landmark six-year study revealing an 80% drop in crane-related fatalities following California's requirement for crane operators to be certified. This conclusive evidence demonstrating the effect of accredited certification in saving lives and reducing the incidence of injuries and accidents helps push the ailing federal rule closer to publication.

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:

[ConeExpo Latin America](#) - More than 20,000 registrants from dozens of countries attended the event. Attendees had access to more than 600 exhibitors from ConExpo Latin America 2019 and the co-located Expo Edifica with Expo Hormigon. NCCCO and other leading industry organization conducted learning opportunities. *Construct Connect, Canada, October 8, 2019*

[Training Provider Purchases New ACO Equipment](#) - Due to the high demand of those seeking NCCCO Articulating Crane Operator Certification, CICB has purchased two new pieces of equipment in order to offer more availability to those seeking training and certification. *Market Insider, October 16, 2019*

[Get Ready for CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2020](#) - CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2020 is North America's largest construction trade show for the asphalt, aggregates, concrete, earthmoving, lifting, mining, utilities and related industries - set for March 10-14 in Las Vegas, USA. See why you don't want to miss it! *Hub 34, November 29, 2019*

Supporter Spotlight



From the time of our founding in 1968, Morrow has focused exclusively on the tower crane and construction hoist industry. As an exclusive distributor of Liebherr-manufactured tower cranes and as a representative of Alimak Scando hoists, we have developed a unique expertise and knowledge of our product line. Our technical knowledge and foundational support, combined with the high quality of our product, has made Morrow one of the most successful in the lift equipment industry.

Are you working on a cool project? Do you have neat, high quality photos of people in and around cranes? Working a large job where CCO Certification is required? [Let us know!](#) We'd love to write an article about your project or use your photos and if we do we'll send a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Tara Whittington
NCCCO

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