

MOBILE CRANE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Policy and Research Division
WorkSafeBC – Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia
PO Box 5350, Station Terminal
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Dear Sirs:

**Re: OHS Regulation Review
Part 14, Crane: Hoists
Sect., 14.34, Operator Qualifications**

The Mobile Crane Owners Association of B.C. represents the larger unionized Crane rental companies in B.C. They collectively own over 150 cranes ranging in capacities from 6 ton to 500 ton and employ 100 to 150 Crane operators.

The association has been a supporter of Crane Operator Certification and training for over 25 years. We also support mandatory operator certification through the province and across all industries. As a result we fully support the proposed changes to Regulation 14.34, making it mandatory for all operators to have documented proof of competency to operate cranes in the province.

In addition, Mobile Crane Owners Association of BC fully supports the BC Association for Crane Safety in pursuing mandatory proof of competency for crane operators in the province. It is an initiative undertaken by stakeholders, responding to the needs of stakeholders.

This is the type of process necessary to achieve the goals for not only the existing workforce, but also to attract new operators to the industry.

We request that the regulation be reviewed favorably and that it be implemented in a timely manner.

Yours truly,

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