

## **Certification of Crane Operators in B.C.**

In accordance with WorkSafeBC's Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, all operators of cranes in BC are required to have a valid operator's certificate.

The BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS) has developed a program that offers crane operators the opportunity to receive a valid operator's certificate. The certification program was developed in close consultation with industry representatives and WorkSafeBC. The program has three separate requirements for each type of crane operators: boom truck, mobile and tower crane operators.

To receive a certificate, an operator must pass a skills assessment relating to the type of crane that they currently operate, or wish to operate in the future.

A notice to apply for assessment and certification is being sent to all operators in BC who registered with the BCACS as a crane operator over the past two years. Operators are being offered assessments in the order in which they registered with the BCACS. The assessment of boom truck and mobile crane operators is administered by the Fulford Harbour Group Ltd (FHG). Tower crane operators will be assessed through the Industry Trade Authority (ITA).

Assessments will be conducted by ITA-certified individuals who have extensive experience as crane operators. Operators have the option of being assessed for certification on their desired crane-type either in their workplace, or at the Fulford Crane Assessment Centre, opening in January 2009.

### **If I have a crane trades qualification issued in British Columbia, what do I have to do to operate a crane in BC?**

If you possess a crane trades qualification issued in British Columbia you do not need to undergo the assessment. The qualification card that you were issued is sufficient to meet the WorkSafeBC crane operator requirements.

**If I have a crane operator certificate from a province or territory other than BC, what do I have to do to operate a crane in BC?**

If you possess a crane trades qualification issued in a Canadian jurisdiction other than BC, you must obtain BC certification prior to operating a crane. In order to obtain BC certification you must register with the BC Association of Crane Safety and complete an application for the type of crane consistent with your qualification. You will be given a jurisprudence package that outlines the health and safety requirements in BC and a study guide that describes safe work practice for the appropriate crane type. A BC certificate will be issued that is consistent with your out-of-jurisdiction qualification. For example the holder of an Alberta tower crane operator certificate will be issued a BC tower crane operator certificate.

Crane operator certification Information is available at;

[www.bcacs.ca](http://www.bcacs.ca)

[www.fulford.ca](http://www.fulford.ca)

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