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Labor Day

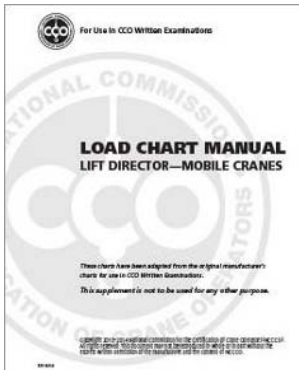
Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. In observance of the holiday, the NCCCO offices will be closed on September 5, 2016. Offices will reopen on September 6, 2016 at 8:30 am in their respective time zones. We hope you enjoy your holiday.

NCCCO and Veterans Meet at American Legion

Representatives of all branches of the armed forces converged on the American Legion's Washington, D.C., headquarters in April to discuss matters relating to the certification of military personnel. The *Credentialing Roundtable* was also attended by construction employers of veterans, accrediting agencies, and certification bodies. NCCCO was one of only five certification bodies from thousands nationwide selected to attend the invitation-only event. [Read More](#)



Lift Director Applications Spike



Applications from candidates to sit for the CCO Certified Lift Director examinations are running at more than double the regular pace, according to NCCCO's Director of Program Development, Joel Oliva. "Registrations received in the first three months of this year have been far ahead of expectations," Oliva said, "and inquiries from prospective candidates and employers have spiked." [Read More](#)

Special CONEXPO Registration Discounts

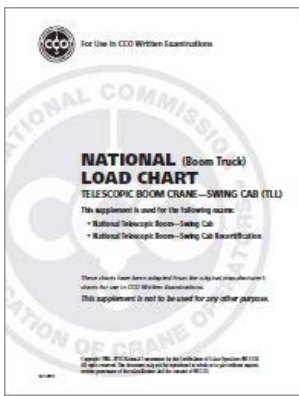
NCCCO is delighted to announce that, by special arrangement with AEM, the organizer of CONEXPO/CON-AGG, we are able to offer discounted rates for both Exhibition Registration *and* Education Sessions at CONEXPO 2017. [Read More](#)

CONEXPO Education Highlight: Lift Director

A highlight of the education activity being prepared for CONEXPO next March will be a presentation by William "Hank" Dutton, Senior Technical Specialist—Construction with Travelers, on why lift directors are so important for safe lifting operations and how and why employers should comply with OSHA's requirement. [Read More](#)



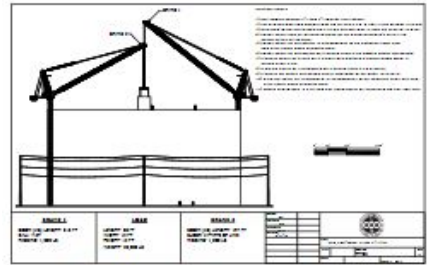
New Swing Cab Boom Truck Load Chart Option



As part of its goal of continuously improving its certification programs, NCCCO is adding a new load chart option for the CCO Telescopic Boom—Swing Cab (TLL) Mobile Crane Operator Specialty Exams. The new load chart is based on a 50-ton National swing cab boom truck, although it has been modified for testing purposes. [Read More](#)

Sample Lift Plans and Questions for Lift Director Program Released

CCO's Lift Director exams include scenario-based lift plan questions that require a candidate to read and interpret lift plans as if it was a real world scenario. These question types are unlike the questions typically used on CCO exams. To assist candidates preparing the NCCCO Lift Director specialty written exams, NCCCO has published sets of lift plans for each of the different scenarios candidates will encounter on the test. [Read More](#)



Lift & Move USA Heads to California

Lift & Move USA - the series of events that has generated enormous interest among local high schools and career placement groups in the opportunities that professional certification can provide in the crane, rigging, and specialized transport industries - is coming to Long Beach, California, on Nov 2. Several employers are already pledging support for the upcoming event, as they seek to identify the next generation of operators, engineers, riggers, mechanics, and sales staff. The Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) and industry publisher KHL, along with NCCCO will again be partners in hosting the event. [Register Here](#)



Employer Recognition Program Company Profile: Turner Industries



As an original contributor to, and supporter of, NCCCO going back to its formation in 1995, [Turner Industries Group, L.L.C.](#), continually strives for total incident elimination and is steadfast in a value system that ensures

its employees can execute their duties and responsibilities in a safe and successful manner. "Safety cannot just be a priority for us, because priorities change," said Roland M. Toups, chairman and CEO, Turner Industries. "At Turner Industries a culture of safety is built into everything we do." [Read More](#)

Lift Safety Zone to Take Center Stage at CONEXPO 2017

CONEXPO is just months away, and NCCCO is once again planning a major presence at the international construction exposition and conference, with expanded exhibit areas and a packed seminar program. A highlight of NCCCO's presence will once again be the Lift Safety Zone (LSZ), which has been a hit with visitors since debuting in 2011. It will provide an opportunity to interact with crane safety experts and NCCCO staff, and will feature practical demonstrations of CCO operator, rigger, and signalperson certification programs. [Read More](#)



Practical Examiner Workshops

NCCCO is pleased to announce the following Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops to be held in Lubbock, TX:

Signalperson and Rigger Level 1 Workshops

- Rigger Refresher to be held October 4, 2016
- Signalperson Refresher to be held October 5, 2016
- Signalperson to be held October 5, 2016
- Rigger Level I to be held October 6-7, 2016
- Signalperson/Rigger Level I to be held October 5-7, 2016

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Articulating Boom Crane Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop

NCCCO is pleased to announce an Articulating Boom Crane Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop to be held September 27-28, 2016, in Marshfield, WI.

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Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher-Operator Programs Workshop

NCCCO is pleased to announce a Practical Examiner Accreditation Refresher-Operator Programs Workshop to be held September 26, 2016, in Marshfield, WI.

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Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following companies that have just been enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP member companies have demonstrated that they are committed to crane safety by employing CCO-certified personnel. You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.



- [A&B Welding and Construction](#), Nowthen, MN
- [CR Holland Crane Services](#), Forest City, IA

Did You Know? NCCCO Program Integrity

NCCCO has a robust integrity program. As well as having a complaints procedure that allows employers or others to notify NCCCO when a certificant is suspected of violating the Code of Ethics or Substance Abuse policy, NCCCO also audits practical exam administrations. This audit process was designed to ensure that each person obtaining certification across the country is taking the same practical exam and has the same opportunity to pass exams administered per NCCCO policy and procedure.

From the Seat

"With NCCCO Certification, I see the 'bigger picture' of crane operation. Obviously safety is number one, but I have a better understanding of the physics and the math behind the machine. It has helped me understand the crane is more than a hoist on wheels."
Keith Choiniere, One-Star Recertificant



Employer Quote of the Month



"CCO certification strengthens our safety program and adds confidence when Dawes Crane sends out operators to a job. Dawes Crane and our customers know that our operators have been tested by an accredited organization and have proven the skills and knowledge to successfully and safely get the job done."
Pete Nowak, Dawes Rigging and Crane Rental

CCO By the Numbers

Number of certifications currently available through NCCCO. Another 3 are currently in development.

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NCCCO In The News

It's not just us that talks about CCO Certification! The industry press is abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Here's a recent sampling:

[Staring Down the Barrel](#) -- CCO Certificants help to install war relic, *Crane Hotline*, August 2016, p. 29

[Another Step Forward for European Crane License](#) -- ESTA draws on the 20 plus years of NCCCO, *International Cranes and Specialized Transport*, July 2016

[Inspection Importance](#) -- How can an independent, impartial, set of eyes increase the value of your crane?, *American Cranes and Transport*, August 2016, p. 28

[Crane Inspection Certifications surge](#) -- A look at what is driving the surge in Crane Inspector certification, *American Cranes and Transport*, August 2016 p. 29

This Month in CCO History... 2001

NCCCO was approved under provisions of the **Montgomery GI Bill** to provide certification tests to veterans enabling them to qualify for re-imbursement of their testing fees. NCCCO continues to actively assist those who have placed themselves in harm's way by serving our country in their transition back to civilian life.

Supporter Spotlight

NCCCO gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors.



"Manitowoc is committed to providing the most innovative, advanced and comprehensive range of lifting solutions, with products that have long

set the standard for excellence worldwide: Grove mobile telescoping cranes, Maniowoc lattice boom crawler cranes, Potain tower cranes, National Crane boom trucks and Shuttlelift industrial cranes. Maniowoc also offers outstanding support services through Maniowoc Crane Care."

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,

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