



MEMORANDUM

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To: All of Oregon OSHA
From: Peggy Munsell, Manager of Standards & Appeals
Subject: Crane operator certification

Federal OSHA extended the deadline for crane operator certification by three years to November 10, 2017. Stakeholders at the national level had concerns about equating certification with qualification as well as the requirement for operators to be certified by both type and capacity of the crane. Oregon OSHA adopted language to align with federal OSHA.

The current federal OSHA and Oregon OSHA's [Cranes and Derricks in Construction](#) rule requires employers to ensure that crane operators are certified by Nov. 10, 2017. Employers also have duties under the standard to ensure that crane operators are trained and competent to operate the crane safely.

Oregon OSHA kept its construction crane **training** requirements, Division 3/CC [437-003-0081](#) Crane Operator Safety Training Requirements, in place during this interim period. They will remain in effect until federal OSHA makes final changes and Oregon OSHA promulgates rulemaking to reflect these changes.

It is worth noting that Washington and California require national certification; therefore, any work provided across the border may still require national certification.