



## Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division Technical Guidance

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**TO:** All Oregon OSHA Staff

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**SUBJECT:** Crane operator certification extension

On Aug. 30, 2017, federal OSHA proposed to revise their standard for cranes and derricks in construction to further extended the deadline for crane operator certification by one year – from Nov. 10, 2017, to **Nov. 10, 2018**. The purpose of the extension is to provide additional time to propose and finalize rulemaking that addresses stakeholders' concerns. Federal OSHA also proposed to extend the current employer duties to ensure there is no reduction in worker protection during this period.

As a result of federal OSHA's rule proposal, Oregon OSHA will not enforce the current Nov. 10, 2017 deadline for crane operator certification until Nov. 10, 2018. Oregon OSHA will revise its current rules pending federal OSHA's final rule adoption. Until that time, employers must, at a minimum, continue to follow current construction crane training requirements under Division 3/CC, [437-003-0081](#), Crane Operator Safety Training Requirements.

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### **Current rule background:**

Federal OSHA extended the deadline for crane operator certification by three years to Nov. 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.

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