

OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTICE (OPSN)

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Programs: MOBILE CRANE OPERATOR
TOWER CRANE OPERATOR
MOBILE CRANE OPERATOR – HYDRAULIC 80 TONNES AND UNDER
BOOM TRUCK OPERATOR – FOLDING BOOM UNLIMITED TONNAGE
BOOM TRUCK OPERATOR – STIFF BOOM UNLIMITED TONNAGE

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
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Subject: Crane Trades Practical Assessment Prerequisites Update

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Effective Date: Immediately

Summary of Change: Changes to the practical assessment prerequisites have been implemented for the trades listed below. Program Profiles have been revised and posted to the SkilledTradesBC website:

- [Mobile Crane Operator](#)
- [Tower Crane Operator](#)
- [Mobile Crane Operator Hydraulic 80 tonnes and Under](#)
- [Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited tonnage](#)
- [Boom Truck Operator – Stiff Boom Unlimited tonnage](#)

Full details and change rationale are on the following pages.

Note: To achieve certification, all completion requirements remain in effect and unchanged. The below changes are **only** to the order in which the practical assessment completion requirement may be attempted.

Details	Mobile Crane Operator (Red Seal)	Tower Crane Operator (Red Seal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Crane Operator – Hydraulic 80 tonnes and Under Boom Truck Operator - Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage Boom Truck Operator – Stiff Boom Unlimited Tonnage
Apprenticeship pathway:	<p>Removal of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (IP) Successful completion of the Level 3 Standardized Level Exam (SLE) <p>Introduction of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of Level 3 Technical Training 	<p>Removal of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (IP) Successful completion of the Level 2 Standardized Level Exam (SLE) <p>Introduction of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of Level 2 Technical Training 	<p>Removal of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) Exam
Trade Qualifier (Challenge) pathway:	<p>Removal of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (IP) 	<p>Removal of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (IP) 	<p>Removal of the following Standardized Practical Assessment eligibility prerequisite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of the Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) Exam

- Rationale:**
- Industry, through the BC Crane Safety Assessment Review Panel (ARP), has requested this change to provide a smoother pathway to certification for apprentices and trade qualifiers (challengers).
 - This change will allow:
 - an apprentice to attempt the practical assessment at the end of their final level of technical training if they choose to. They will not have to wait for their SLE result prior to booking an attempt.
 - a trade qualifier (challenger) to attempt the practical assessment and certification exam in the order they determine.
 - Note: for Mobile Crane Operator and Tower Crane Operator, a trade qualifier (challenger) must still successfully complete all SLEs prior to attempting the practical assessment.
 - By allowing apprentices and trade qualifiers (challengers) the flexibility to attempt the practical assessment more in accordance with their schedule and needs, the expected outcome of this change is higher certification rates in crane trades.
 - This change does not decrease requirements for certification. To achieve certification, all completion requirements remain in effect and unchanged. The change is only to the order in which the practical assessment completion requirement may be attempted.
 - Practical assessment prerequisites are not a requirement set in the Red Seal Occupational Standards (RSOS) for Mobile Crane Operator or Tower Crane Operator. Some jurisdictions do not require a practical assessment as part of Red Seal completion requirements. Refer to the [Ellis Chart](#) for jurisdictional details on the delivery of Red Seal programs.

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