How do I become a certified crane operator in BC?

There are two paths to certification in BC:
1. Completion of a training program (apprenticeship)
2. Challenging the certification

Who can challenge certification?

If you have years of experience in a trade – in B.C. or elsewhere – but have never been certified in Canada, challenge certification may be right for you.

If you hold a Certification of Qualification in this trade from a different Canadian jurisdiction:
1. You may want to challenge the Red Seal exam. Contact the ITA for more information, or
2. You can apply for an Equivalency certification. Contact BC Crane Safety for more information.

What are the Steps to Challenging?

1. Complete the ITA Challenge Package and submit to the ITA
2. If accepted, complete the ITA Challenge Exam.
3. Apply to Fulford Certification for the Level A CraneSafe Practical Assessment.

What crane types are linked?

BC Crane Safety and WorkSafeBC require that all ITA linked trade crane operators in BC write a written theory test. This is in addition to the CraneSafe Practical Assessment.

There are five crane types that are linked between CraneSafe and ITA:

**MOBILE CRANES**
- Mobile (including Lattice Boom Friction; Hydraulic Boom Friction; Mobile Hydraulic Unlimited Tonnage)
- Mobile Hydraulic - 80 Tonnage & Under

**BOOM TRUCKS**
- Stiff Boom - Unlimited Tonnage
- Folding Boom - Unlimited Tonnage

**TOWER CRANES**
- Tower Crane

Who needs to challenge certification?

If you are applying for certification in one of ITA’s five crane types, you will need to challenge the ITA certification. These crane types are linked to CraneSafe.

If you are applying for one of CraneSafe’s other six crane types, you do not need to challenge the ITA certification.

How do I apply for Challenge Certification?

You must supply detailed proof of your work experience as a crane operator including contact information.

Instructions and application forms are available from the ITA.

The ITA will verify your work experience by contacting all your employers and will send you the results.

- **If you qualify**, you will need to write a challenge certification exam.
- **If you do not qualify**, ITA will provide feedback about what you are missing. You can either gain additional experience or register as an apprentice.
7. What is the difference between the ITA Written Theory Test & the CraneSafe Practical Assessment?

**ITA Writing Theory Test**
The ITA written theory test is a multiple choice test that is given by the ITA.

**CraneSafe Practical Assessment**
The CraneSafe Practical Assessment for Level A certification includes these components:
- A. Hand Signals
- B. Load Chart & Rigging
- C. On-Crane Practical Assessment
  1. Pre-Operational Inspection
  2. Crane Set-Up & Hazard Assessment
  3. Crane Operation
     (With & Without Load)

**Level A** certification is the highest level of certification and is the full scope journeyperson status.

**Levels B, C and D** are limited in scope to allow for training before completing Level A certification.

8. What if I don’t need to challenge certification?

Crane operators of the following six crane types do not need to challenge certification but do need CraneSafe certification:

**MOBILE CRANES**
- Mobile Hydraulic - 20 Tonnes & Under

**BOOM TRUCKS**
- Stiff Boom - 40 Tonnes & Under
- Stiff Boom - 20 Tonnes & Under
- Folding Boom - 22 Tonnes & Under
- Folding Boom - 10 Tonnes & Under

**TOWER CRANES**
- Self Erect Tower Crane

**Apply for CraneSafe Certification**
You will need to apply for Level A or Level B CraneSafe certification with Fulford.
You will need to successfully complete the Practical Assessment in order to be a certified crane operator in BC and you will receive your certificate from Fulford.

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**How do I contact**

**Fulford CraneSafe**
Please contact Fulford with any questions you have about crane operator certification in BC.
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