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CERTIFICATION

Overhead Crane Operator Regulations

WorkSafe BC Overhead Crane Operator Qualifications Requirements

On October 2015 WorkSafe BC introduced Guideline 14.34 of the Cranes & Hoists regulation that requires operators of any hoist (including overhead cranes) to be trained and demonstrate competency:

- 1. A crane or hoist must only be operated by a qualified person who has been instructed to operate the equipment.*
- 2. A person must demonstrate competency, including familiarity with the operating instructions for the crane or hoist and the code of signals for hoisting operations authorized by the Board before operating the equipment.*

As part of an inspection by a WorkSafeBC prevention officer, employers may be asked to verify compliance with the requirement that the operator of the crane or hoist is qualified and has demonstrated competence. This verification would entail reviewing records relating to the competency assessment and the qualifications of the operator.

The extent of documentation expected would reflect the nature of the crane or hoisting equipment, in particular the size and complexity of the equipment. For example, it is likely to be much simpler to assess competencies of an operator of a small shop crane than it is to assess competencies for an operator of a large warehouse bridge crane.

A copy of the full Guideline can be found here: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/law-policy/occupational-health-safety/searchable-ohs-regulation/ohs-guidelines/guidelines-part-14#SectionNumber:G14.34>