Provisional Operators Must Work Under Supervision Until Competent *(Full Scope Certification)*

A BC Crane Operator – Provisional designation (formerly Level B) is required during your entire training period. During this period, you will need to work under competent and qualified supervision until you achieve full certification.

Being a Credentialed Provisional Operator

After you registered with BC Crane Safety, you will have access to an online logbook where you record your work experience. Your sponsor/employer approves your logbook entries as you progress. **During this time, the employer is responsible for your training and supervision.**

What does "supervision" mean?

Your employer is ultimately responsible for your training and supervision and will assign a person who is considered qualified and competent to oversee your work. This person is an experienced operator who will help you become a professional (Full Scope) crane operator on the equipment you're using.

Who can supervise a Provisional Operator?

The employer is responsible for this provisional operator at all times. The employer must assign a qualified and competent person to supervise the provisional operator. And depending on the type of work you are doing, supervision can be either direct or indirect, which can change at the discretion of the employer.

Qualified and **competent** crane supervisors must meet the criteria in both definitions to perform as a supervisor for Provisional Operators. Large worksites with many different operations happening at the same time, or multi-employer worksites may require more than one qualified and competent person.

Provisional Operators

These operator types need competent and qualified supervision during the entire training period, until operators become certified.

Employers

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Provisional Operators

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Competent means the person can also demonstrate knowledge, experience, and skill beyond the successful completion of exams or training courses, including crane assembly, disassembly, operation and inspection knowledge and demonstrate the ability to identify and correct job/trade related hazards.

Direct and Indirect Supervision

Direct supervision means the supervisor is close enough to observe and to provide verbal directions while you are performing critical lifts.

Indirect supervision refers to oversight activities (other than direct observation) to provide guidance and to ensure that you are fully qualified to perform routine, non-critical lifts.

Can a Provisional Credentialed Operator perform a critical lift?

Yes. It is important to understand that direct supervision is required. Under direct supervision, the supervisor is required to be close enough to observe and to provide verbal directions to the provisional operator while performing critical lifts. "In clear line of site and communication with each other during the critical lift".

How can I get full certification?

To become a full scope operator, you must ensure you have recorded your work experience in your Skill Record, and your sponsor/employer signs off on your logbook at the end of your training period. This will confirm that you have the required number of operating hours and have the relevant experience. Your Provisional designation expires after one year but can be renewed for another year up to three times. The renewal is valid for the same crane classification as the original designation. Any other operational restrictions continue to apply.

Questions?

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Provisional Crane Operator Supervision

BC Provisional Crane Operators (formerly Level B) require qualified and competent crane supervisors during their entire training period, until Provisional Operators achieve full certification.

What is a Qualified and Competent Crane Supervisor?

BC Crane Safety defines a qualified and competent crane supervisor as an individual who has at least 7+ years working knowledge, skill, and experience (recommended). This individual's skills and role can vary. Qualified and competent crane supervisors may provide direct and indirect supervision.

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A recognized credentialed crane operator can be the qualified and competent supervisor, but this is not the only option. The list describes which other persons can also supervise a Provisional Crane Operator.

Qualified and Competent Crane Supervisor competencies should include many of the following:

- Rigging knowledge, including specialized rigging on various types of cranes
- Documentation requirements (crane logbooks) and regulations and standards that pertain to cranes
- Experience associated with assembly/disassembly, inspection and use of cranes
- Co-ordination of crews and workers carrying out assembly, and disassembly of cranes
- Crane functions, operations, maintenance requirements for cranes
- Communicating with engineers, assembly supervisor, WorkSafeBC Safety Officers and other representatives, and workers

Provisional Operators

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Crane Supervisors

Crane supervisors must be both qualified and competent.

- Understanding of site-specific safe work practices and procedures
- Experience with operations of cranes, including:
  - Conducting Site Surveys/Risk Assessments,
  - Planning routine, non-routine, and critical lifts,
  - Acting on roles and responsibilities of crane operators and riggers,
  - Assessing and overseeing lift requirements: rigging types, lifting capacity, sling angles, lengths, SWLs, shackles, beams, and
  - Overseeing crane operations in terms of types, limitations, and capacity.
- Understanding of load charts for specific crane types
- List the crane types that the supervisor has experience with.

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Declaration for Provisional Operator Applicants Signing for the Provisional Operator and Employer

As a provisional crane operator applicant who is signing as both the provisional operator and the employer, you are required to attest that you have:

- Reviewed the two attached BC Crane Safety documents that provide additional detailed information on the requirements for competent supervision of provisional operators;
- Acknowledge that you have a Plan for Supervision that names your supervisor who is an experienced operator (minimum of 7 years' experience recommended) for the type of crane you have applied for.

Name: *

Signature: * type your full name

Company: *

Date: *

☐ By checking this box I confirm this signature is legally binding

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