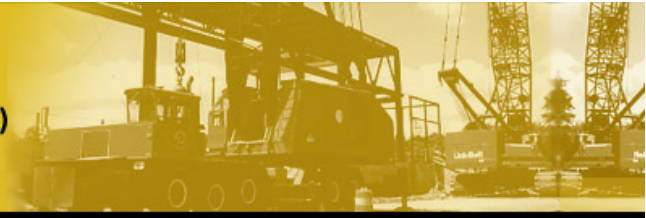




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Nevada Changes Licensing Requirements

Nevada has revisited its requirements for crane operators with the passage in June of Assembly Bill AB540.

The new regulation, signed into law June 6, provides for the development of programs for the certification of crane operators in the state. It covers all tower crane operators, as well as operators of mobile cranes with a boom length of at least 25 ft. or a rated capacity of 15,000 lbs or more.

Certification must meet the relevant ASME B30 standard (B30.3, B30.4, or B30.5) and be accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The CCO certification program was recently re-accredited for a further five years by NCCA.

Specifically exempt from the requirement are utility trucks and aerial work platforms. The new regulation, which is effective January 1, 2007, supersedes the existing licensing requirements which covers tower crane operators and mobile crane operators while engaging in the erection of tower cranes.