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#### Certification in the News

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PE Workshop Scheduled More Signalperson Examiners Test Via Computer Artic. Boom Program Evolves Calculators? Why Not. We Want to Hear From You!

# Signalperson Practical Examiner Accreditation

The National
Commission for the
Certification of Crane
Operators (NCCCO) is
pleased to announce a
Signalperson Practical
Examiner Accreditation
Workshop to be held in
Long Island City, NY,
May 5-6, 2009.

#### Sponsor Spotlight



The National
Commission for the
Certification of Crane
Operators gratefully
recognizes the generous
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of its sponsors without
whom this program
would not have been
possible.

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#### Dear Tara,

Exciting new things are happening at NCCCO, new exams in development, new delivery methods for current exams, new Practical Examiners - and the real reason calculators aren't allowed in exams.

Don't forget, if you haven't already done so, please update your profile by clicking at the bottom of the page.

#### **CCO Tests Now Offered Via Computer**

CCO mobile crane written exams are now available nationwide via computer, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has announced.



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## Development Underway for Articulating Crane Operator Certification



The Articulating Crane Council of North America (ACCNA), an affiliate division of the National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA), and the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) are

cooperatively developing a certification program for operators of truck-mounted articulating boom cranes.

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#### Examiners From Six More States Sign on for Signalperson Certification

In a show of support for NCCCO's two latest certification programs, Safety Resources Unlimited (SRU) hosted a two-day Signalperson Practical Examiner Workshop at its Oklahoma City, OK headquarters in January, followed by a three-day Rigger Task Force meeting.

A total of eight examiners from six states graduated from the Signalperson Workshop, bringing the total number of Practical Examiners available to administer the CCO Signalperson practical

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exam to well over 100 nationwide. The group included experienced mobile, tower, and overhead practical examiners as well as those new to the CCO practical examination process.

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#### Calculators on Certification Tests Don't Meet B30.5 Standard



With the emergence of certification programs that permit the use of calculators in their tests, the controversy surrounding the appropriateness of their use has once again resurfaced. "Ever since the first national exams were released by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) back in 1996, there has been

debate as to whether they should be permitted," said NCCCO Executive Director, Graham Brent. "Some experts have pointed to the almost universal use of calculators in all aspects of personal and professional life, while others believe that certified operators should be able to solve basic addition, subtraction and division problems without assistance."

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#### NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!

NCCCO is interested in your feedback. Do you have a question, comment, idea or concern about CCO national crane operator (Mobile, Tower and Overhead) or the new Signalperson or Rigger certification programs? Drop us an email with your thoughts.

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