



# Toolbox TALK

## NEW CRANE OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

The long-awaited OSHA standard for cranes in construction is finally set. The new rule is effective beginning December 9, 2018, but employers with personnel who operate construction-type cranes will have until February 7, 2019, to document crane operator certifications and evaluations. Evaluations completed prior to December 9, 2018, remain valid but still require documentation.

New requirement highlights include:

- Certifications can be issued by crane type and capacity or crane type only.
- Employers must ensure operators know how to operate the specific crane they will be using for their assigned tasks.
- Employers must retain certification and evaluation documentation on all operators under their employ.
- Evaluations must be performed by a person who has the necessary knowledge, training, and experience to assess operators.
- Evaluation documentation must include the operator's name; the evaluator's name and signature; the evaluation date; and the evaluation equipment's make, model, and configuration.
- Certification must come from an accredited third-party organization, an employer-audited program, or by obtaining a state or local license that meets OSHA's requirements.

OSHA anticipates the final rule will maintain safety and health protections, while reducing compliance burdens associated with requiring certification based on crane capacity.



Date:

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

**SUPERVISOR:**

**CREW MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**COMMENTS/FEEDBACK:**