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## NCCCO Introduces New Color-Coded CCO Certification Cards

### *New Policy Reflects Growth of CCO Programs*

Fairfax, VA, July 2, 2012—The [National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators \(NCCCO\)](http://www.nccco.org) has announced it will issue [color-coded CCO cards](#) for Operators, Riggers, Signalpersons, Crane Inspectors, Practical Examiners, and Auditors. This new policy has been adopted in response to the growth in the range of certification programs offered by NCCCO as well as the need to readily identify qualifications in the field.

"CCO cards are nationally accepted as official proof of certification, and the new cards have been redesigned to meet all federal OSHA and state requirements," said NCCCO Commission Chairman, Kerry Hulse. "The new cards will also make it easier for employers and government authorities to readily determine the qualifications of those working onsite by including details about the certifications, such as the types of signals in which a signalperson is certified."



Operator  
Signalperson/Rigger  
Crane Inspector  
Practical Examiner  
Auditor

In 1996, when NCCCO launched its original Mobile Crane Operator certification program, only two CCO credentials were available: one for certified Operators and one for the Practical Examiners who administer the hands-on tests required for certification. Since then, NCCCO has introduced certifications for Tower (2004), Overhead (2005), and Articulating Crane Operators (2010), and it has also developed certifications for Signalpersons (2008), Riggers (2009), and Crane Inspectors (2011). NCCCO Auditors, who play a critical role in ensuring the continued integrity of all CCO certification programs, will also receive a new card under the new policy.

“NCCCO’s program growth has led to the decision to provide separate cards to each category of NCCCO-affiliated personnel,” said NCCCO Executive Director, Graham Brent. “And the color coding NCCCO has adopted will ensure fast and effective identification of qualifications on the jobsite.”

[CCO Operator certification cards](#) continue to have a black band across the bottom, while [Signalperson and Rigger cards](#) have a green band, and [Crane Inspector cards](#) have a blue band. A brown band has been selected for [Practical Examiner cards](#), while [Auditor cards](#) have a red band. The information on the back of the cards has also been tailored to reflect each program’s particular requirements.

Currently NCCCO has nine crane operator designations, three crane inspector designations, two rigger designations, and a signalperson designation. New certifications for Digger Derrick Operators and Lift Directors are currently in development for launch before the end of 2012.

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The **National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO)** is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1995 by industry to develop and administer a nationwide program for the certification of crane operators and related personnel. Since then, NCCCO has administered over 625,000 nationally accredited written and practical examinations to more than 170,000 operators in all 50 states.