

National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators

CCO Rigger and Signalperson Certification Separation

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is the new policy?*

The Rigger and Signalperson certifications have been separated from the Operator certifications in terms of issue and expiration dates. This means that those who hold a Rigger and/or Signalperson certification as well as Operator certification will now have two separate certification expiration dates based on when certification was achieved. Previously, all certifications had a common expiration date and were all listed on the same card.

2. *Who does this policy affect?*

This policy affects anyone who has been certified as an Operator (Mobile, Tower, Overhead, or Articulating Crane) and who also holds Rigger and/or Signalperson certification(s).

3. *Why was the policy changed?*

Separating the cards has two major benefits: It ensures that everyone who is certified receives a full five-year certification for each certification category held; and, because the new cards are color-coded, it makes it easier for employers and state and federal authorities to determine qualifications on the jobsite.

4. *When does the policy change take effect?*

The new policy became effective July 2, 2012. Individuals holding Operator and Rigger and/or Signalperson certifications are being issued new cards at no charge.

5. *How does this affect my Rigger and/or Signalperson certification(s)?*

If you were originally certified as an NCCCO Operator and later added Rigger and/or Signalperson certification(s), your new Rigger and/or Signalperson certification card will be mailed to you. Please note the green band across the bottom. The issue date on this card reflects the date you first completed your CCO Rigger and/or Signalperson certification requirements.

6. *What if I got my Signalperson and/or Rigger certification before my Operator certification?*

If you were originally certified as an NCCCO Rigger and/or Signalperson and later added Operator certification(s), your new Operator certification card will be mailed to you. The issue date on this card reflects the date you completed your CCO Operator certification requirements. The issue and expiration dates shown apply only to designations in the Operator category. As always, CCO Operator certification cards have a black band across the bottom.

7. *How does this affect my CCO Operator certification?*

If you were originally CCO-certified as a Rigger and/or Signalperson and later added Operator certification(s), your new Operator certification card will be mailed to you at no charge. The

issue date on this card will reflect the date you completed your CCO Operator certification requirements. The issue and expiration dates shown on your new card apply only to designations in the Operator category. As always, CCO Operator certification cards have a black band across the bottom.

8. *Does this policy apply if I add new Operator designations to my existing Operator card?*

No. If you add certification designations within a category (such as adding Tower Crane Operator to your Lattice Boom Crawler certification) you will still have one expiration date for all designations within the Operator category.

9. *Does this affect me if I only hold Rigger and/or Signalperson certification?*

No. Riggers and Signalpersons who are not certified as Operators have always been issued their own separate cards, and this policy is unchanged.

10. *Do I have to pay for a new card?*

No. Previously CCO-certified Operators who also hold Rigger and/or Signalperson certifications will also be issued a new Rigger and/or Signalperson certification card at no charge. Mailing of the new cards to existing certificants will be completed by late summer.

11. *When will I get my new card?*

Mailing of the new cards to existing certificants will be completed by late summer.

12. *Why does my current card have a different expiration date from the new card I received?*

Your new card has your correct expiration date per the change in policy; please use this card when documenting your Rigger and/or Signalperson certification (or your Operator certification if you certified as an Operator AFTER you becoming certified as a Rigger and/or Signalperson).

13. *What should I do with my current certification card?*

Be sure to retain your current certification card as evidence of your certification in any designations not listed on your new card.