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## Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator Trade Regulation

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**Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act**  
**CRANE AND HOISTING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRADE**  
**REGULATION**

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Definitions      **1** In this Regulation,

(a) “apprentice” means a person who is an apprentice in the trade;

- (b) “boom truck” means a boom truck as defined in Part 4;
- (c) “certified journeyman” means a certified journeyman as defined in the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation*;  

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]
- (d) “conventional mobile crane” means a conventional mobile crane as defined in Part 2;
- (e) “crane and hoisting equipment” means a boom truck, mobile crane or tower crane, but does not include
  - (i) an overhead bridge-type crane that operates on a fixed runway;
  - (ii) a crane that meets the requirements of and is operated in accordance with the *Canada Labour Code* and the regulations under that Code;
  - (iii) a crane that is used exclusively for raising, lowering and towing motor vehicles;
  - (iv) a crane that is mounted on a motor vehicle that is used exclusively for fire fighting;
  - (v) a machine, commonly known as a side-boom, that is used for pipeline work to lower pipes into a trench;
  - (vi) an aerial device that is commonly known as a personnel lift or personnel hoist;
  - (vii) a machine used for drilling holes or installing poles;
  - (viii) earth moving equipment;
  - (ix) a crane that is operated at a mine site and that meets the requirements of and is operated in accordance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and the regulations under that Act;
- (f) repealed  

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
- (g) “hydraulic mobile crane” means a hydraulic mobile crane as defined in Part 2;
  - (g.1) “lifting capacity” means the highest capacity at the shortest lifting radius, as defined by the capacity chart for the mobile crane, tower crane or boom truck;  

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]
- (h) repealed  

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

- (i) “mobile crane” means a mobile crane as defined in Part 2;
- (j) “technical training” means technical training as defined in the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation*;
- (k) “tower crane” means a tower crane as defined in Part 3;
- (l) “trade” means the occupation of crane and hoisting equipment operator that is designated as a compulsory certification trade pursuant to the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*;
- (m) “wellhead boom truck” means a wellhead boom truck as defined in Part 4.

**PART 1**  
**GENERAL MATTERS RESPECTING THE TRADE**

Constitution of  
the trade

- 2** (1) The undertakings set out in sections 6, 13 and 19 constitute the trade.
- (2) The trade is made up of the following:
- (a) the mobile crane branch consisting of 2 crafts being
    - (i) the hydraulic mobile crane craft, and
    - (ii) the conventional mobile crane craft;
  - (b) the tower crane branch;
  - (c) the boom truck branch consisting of 2 crafts being
    - (i) the boom truck craft, and [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
    - (ii) repealed [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
    - (iii) the wellhead boom truck craft. [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the installation or repairing of crane and hoisting equipment by persons other than the operators of crane and hoisting equipment are matters that do not constitute undertakings that come within the trade.

Tasks,  
activities and  
functions

- 3** When practising or otherwise carrying out work in the trade, the tasks, activities and functions set out in sections 7, 14 and 20 come within the trade.

Supervisions,  
etc., of  
apprentices

- 4 (1)** Where, in respect of a branch or craft in the trade, a person is a certified journeyman and is to provide supervision to an apprentice, that journeyman is eligible to supervise that apprentice only

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]

- (a) in respect of the undertakings that constitute that branch or craft, and
- (b) in respect of tasks, activities and functions that come within that branch or craft,

for which that person is a certified journeyman.

- (2)** Where a person is an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in a branch or craft in the trade and is employed in respect of another branch or craft in the trade, that apprentice is eligible to carry out work only

- (a) in respect of the undertakings that constitute that branch or craft, and
- (b) in respect of tasks, activities and functions that come within that branch or craft,

for which that person is an apprentice.

## **PART 2**

### **MOBILE CRANE BRANCH OF THE TRADE**

Definitions

- 5** In this Part,

- (a) “conventional mobile crane” means any mechanical device or structure that
  - (i) incorporates a friction driven drum and cable or rope used for raising, lowering or moving material,

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

- (ii) is equipped with a lattice boom capable of moving in the vertical plane,
- (iii) is mounted on a base or chassis, either crawler or wheel mounted, to provide mobility,
- (iv) incorporates a sliding gantry with a ring assembly or a strand jacking system to hoist, and
- (v) has a lifting capacity of 15 tons (13.6 tonnes) or greater;

- (b) “hydraulic mobile crane” means any hydraulically driven hoisting device or structure that

- (i) incorporates a hydraulic driven drum and cable or rope used for raising, lowering or moving material,
- [Alta. Reg. 137/2004]
- (ii) is equipped with a telescoping boom capable of moving in the vertical plane,
- (iii) is mounted on a base or chassis, either crawler or wheel mounted, to provide mobility, and
- (iv) has a lifting capacity of 15 tons (13.6 tonnes) or greater;
- (c) “mobile crane” means a conventional mobile crane or a hydraulic mobile crane.

### **Trade Matters Respecting the Branch**

Undertakings constituting the branch

- 6 (1)** Subject to subsection (2), the operation, testing and servicing of mobile cranes, tower cranes and boom trucks are the undertakings that constitute the mobile crane branch of the trade.

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

- (2)** The operation, testing and servicing

- (a) of hydraulic mobile cranes, tower cranes and boom trucks are the undertakings that constitute the hydraulic mobile crane craft; and

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

- (b) of conventional mobile cranes, tower cranes and boom trucks are the undertakings that constitute the conventional mobile crane craft.

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

Tasks, activities and functions

- 7** When practising or otherwise carrying out work in a craft in the mobile crane branch of the trade, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that craft:

- (a) using hand tools, power tools and specialized equipment while maintaining and operating cranes and hoisting equipment;
- (b) recognizing and identifying malfunctions relating to cranes and hoisting equipment or their operation and the proper procedures related thereto;
- (c) recognizing and identifying conditions that are potentially hazardous to safe machine operation;
- (d) interpreting and applying visual and audio communications;
- (e) communicating with management, signallers and riggers using visual and audio systems;

- (f) inspecting and maintaining cranes and hoisting equipment;
- (g) performing rigging;
- (h) carrying out pre-lift planning and pre-lift tasks when preparing for lifts;
- (i) assembling cranes and hoisting equipment for lifts;
- (j) disassembling cranes for transport.

### **Apprenticeship**

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| Term of the apprenticeship program - mobile cranes | <b>8</b> | <p><b>(1)</b> Subject to credit for previous training or experience being granted pursuant to an order of the Board, the term of an apprenticeship program for the mobile crane branch of the trade is 3 periods of not less than 12 months each.</p> <p><b>(2)</b> In the first period of the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training and successfully complete the technical training that is required or approved by the Board.</p> <p><b>(3)</b> In the 2nd period of the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training.</p> <p><b>(4)</b> In the 3rd period of the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training and successfully complete the technical training that is required or approved by the Board.</p> |
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| Employment of apprentices | <b>9</b> | <p><b>(1)</b> Where, with respect to the employment of apprentices in the mobile crane branch of the trade, a person employs an apprentice, that employment must be carried out in accordance with this section.</p> <p><b>(2)</b> Subject to subsection (2.1), a person who is a certified journeyman or employs a certified journeyman in the mobile crane branch of the trade may employ one apprentice in that branch of the trade and one additional apprentice in that branch for each additional certified journeyman in that branch that is employed by that person.</p> <p><b>(2.1)</b> Subsection (2) does not apply to an apprentice who is engaged in an apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade and has completed all the requirements required or approved by the Board for advancement into the 3<sup>rd</sup> period of that apprenticeship program.</p> <p><b>(3)</b> For the purposes of subsection (2), a person who is a certified journeyman in the mobile crane branch of the trade or employs a certified journeyman in that branch, instead of employing an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade, may do one or more of the following:</p> |
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[Alta. Reg. 102/2006, 270/2006]

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]

(a) Employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the tower crane branch of the trade to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute that branch;

(b) employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute the boom truck craft or the wellhead boom truck craft;

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(c) repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(d) employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the wellhead boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute that craft.

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

Wages

**10 (1)** With respect to the payment of wages to an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade, a person shall not, subject to the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation*, pay wages to an apprentice that are less than those provided for under subsection (2).

**(2)** Subject to the *Employment Standards Code*, a person employing an apprentice referred to in subsection (1) must pay wages to the apprentice that are at least equal to the following percentages of the wages paid to employees who are certified journeypersons in that branch of the trade:

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]

(a) 70% in the first period of the apprenticeship program;

(b) 80% in the 2nd period of the apprenticeship program;

(c) 90% in the 3rd period of the apprenticeship program.

**(3)** In the case of an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the tower crane branch of the trade, a person employing an apprentice pursuant to section 9(3) shall not pay wages to an apprentice that are less than those provided for under section 17.

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

**(4)** In the case of an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the boom truck branch of the trade, a person employing an apprentice pursuant to section 9(3) shall not pay wages to an apprentice that are less than those provided for under section 25.

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

Trade certificates re mobile crane crafts

**11** Even though an apprentice has not qualified to be granted a trade certificate in the mobile crane branch of the trade whereby the apprentice is qualified in both the hydraulic mobile crane craft and the conventional mobile crane craft of the mobile crane branch of the trade, an apprentice is eligible to be granted

- (a) A trade certificate in the hydraulic mobile crane craft of the mobile crane branch of the trade if
  - (i) the apprentice has completed the apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade and has successfully completed an examination as it relates to the hydraulic mobile crane craft, or
  - (ii) the apprentice has successfully met the requirements established, approved or otherwise recognized by the Board in respect of the hydraulic mobile crane craft,

Or

- (b) a trade certificate in the conventional mobile crane craft of the mobile crane branch of the trade if
  - (i) the apprentice has completed the apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade and has successfully completed an examination as it relates to the conventional mobile crane craft, or
  - (ii) the apprentice has successfully met the requirements established, approved or otherwise recognized by the Board in respect of the conventional mobile crane craft.

### **PART 3**

#### **TOWER CRANE BRANCH OF THE TRADE**

- Definition      **12** In this Part, “tower crane” means any mechanical device or structure that
- (a) is designed to incorporate a power driven drum and cable or rope and a vertical mast or tower and a jib,
  - (b) is of the travelling, fixed, climbing or self-erecting type, and
  - (c) is used exclusively for raising, lowering or moving material.
- [Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

#### **Trade Matters Respecting the Branch**

Undertakings constituting the branch      **13** The operation, testing and servicing of tower cranes are the undertakings that constitute the tower crane branch of the trade.

Tasks, activities and functions      **14** When practising or otherwise carrying out work in the tower crane branch of the trade, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that branch:

- (a) using hand tools, power tools and specialized equipment while maintaining and operating cranes and hoisting equipment;
- (b) recognizing and identifying malfunctions relating to cranes and hoisting equipment or their operation and the proper procedures related thereto;
- (c) recognizing and identifying conditions that are potentially hazardous to safe machine operation;
- (d) interpreting and applying visual and audio communications;
- (e) communicating with management, signallers and riggers using visual and audio systems;
- (f) inspecting and maintaining cranes and hoisting equipment;
- (g) performing rigging;
- (h) carrying out pre-lift planning and pre-lift tasks when preparing for lifts;
- (i) assembling cranes and hoisting equipment for lifts;
- (j) disassembling cranes for transport.

### **Apprenticeship**

Term of the apprenticeship program - tower cranes

- 15** (1) Subject to credit for previous training or experience being granted pursuant to an order of the Board, the term of an apprenticeship program for the tower crane branch of the trade is 2 periods of not less than 12 months each.
- (2) In the first period of the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 1000 hours of on the job training and successfully complete the technical training that is required or approved by the Board.
- (3) In the 2nd period of the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 1000 hours of on the job training.

Employment of apprentices

- 16** (1) Where, with respect to the employment of apprentices in the tower crane branch of the trade, a person employs an apprentice, that employment must be carried out in accordance with this section.
- (2) A person who is a certified journeyman or employs a certified journeyman in the tower crane branch of the trade may employ one apprentice and one additional apprentice in that branch of the trade for each additional certified journeyman in that branch that is employed by that person.

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]

Wages

- 17 (1)** With respect to the payment of wages to an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the tower crane branch of the trade, a person shall not, subject to the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation*, pay wages to an apprentice that are less than those provided for under subsection (2).
- (2)** Subject to the *Employment Standards Code*, a person employing an apprentice referred to in subsection (1) must pay wages to the apprentice that are at least equal to the following percentages of the wages paid to employees who are certified journeypersons in that branch of the trade:
- [Alta. Reg. 270/2006]
- (a) 70% in the first period of the apprenticeship program;
- (b) 85% in the 2nd period of the apprenticeship program.

#### **PART 4**

### **BOOM TRUCK BRANCH OF THE TRADE**

Definitions

**18** In this Part,

- (a) “boom truck” means a truck that is equipped with a hydraulically driven structure or device that
- (i) is mounted on a turret that is affixed to the truck,
- (ii) is supported to provide mobility, and
- (iii) is equipped with
- (A) a boom that is capable of swinging, hoisting and booming up and down and that has a lifting capacity greater than 5 tons (4.5 tonnes) and less than 45 tons (40.8 tonnes),
- [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
- (B) a telescoping boom that has a lifting capacity greater than 5 tons (4.5 tonnes) and less than 45 tons (40.8 tonnes),
- [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
- (C) an articulating boom possessing live lines that has a lifting capacity greater than 5 tons (4.5 tonnes) and less than 45 tons (40.8 tonnes), or
- [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]
- (D) an articulating boom without live lines that has a lifting capacity greater than 8 tons (7.3 tonnes) and less than 45 tons (40.8 tonnes);
- [Alta. Reg. 137/2004, 129/2005]
- (b) repealed
- [Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(c) repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(d) “truck” means a truck that is equipped with a deck for carrying loads or a fifth wheel for pulling loads or with both a deck and a fifth wheel;

(e) “wellhead boom truck” means a boom truck that is used for one or more of the following:

(i) wellhead pumping operations;

(ii) wireline operations;

(iii) perforating operations;

(iv) coiled tubing operations;

(v) snubbing operations;

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

(vi) the rig-up and rig-out of slant service rigs.

[Alta. Reg. 137/2004]

### **Trade Matters Respecting the Branch**

Undertakings  
constituting  
the branch

**19 (1)** Subject to subsection (2), the operation, testing and servicing of boom trucks and tower cranes are the undertakings that constitute the boom truck branch of the trade.

[Alta. Reg. 34/2005]

**(2)** The operation, testing and servicing

(a) of boom trucks, wellhead boom trucks and tower cranes are the undertakings that constitute the boom truck craft;

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(b) repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(c) of wellhead boom trucks are the undertakings that constitute the wellhead boom truck craft.

Tasks,  
activities and  
functions

**20** When practising or otherwise carrying out work in a craft in the boom truck branch of the trade, the following tasks, activities and functions come within that craft:

(a) using hand tools, power tools and specialized equipment while maintaining and operating cranes and hoisting equipment;

(b) recognizing and identifying malfunctions relating to cranes and hoisting equipment or their operation and the proper procedures related thereto;

- (c) recognizing and identifying conditions that are potentially hazardous to safe machine operation;
- (d) interpreting and applying visual and audio communications;
- (e) communicating with management, signallers and riggers using visual and audio systems;
- (f) inspecting and maintaining cranes and hoisting equipment;
- (g) performing rigging;
- (h) carrying out pre-lift planning and pre-lift tasks when preparing for lifts;
- (i) assembling cranes and hoisting equipment for lifts;
- (j) disassembling cranes for transport.

Term of the apprenticeship program - boom trucks

- 20.1** (1) In this section, “medium boom truck craft” means the medium boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade as it existed under this Regulation immediately before July 15, 2005.
- (2) Even though a person is not otherwise permitted under the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act to work in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade, a person may carry out the tasks, activities and functions in the undertakings that constitute the boom truck craft under the following conditions:
- (a) The person holds a trade certificate in the medium boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade;
  - (b) The boom truck used to carry out the tasks, activities and functions has a lifting capacity of less than 20 tons (18.0 tonnes).

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

## Apprenticeship

Term of the apprenticeship program - boom trucks

- 21** (1) Subject to credit for previous training or experience being granted pursuant to an order of the Board, the term of an apprenticeship program for the boom truck branch of the trade,
- (a) repealed
  - (b) in the case of the boom truck craft, is one period of not less than 12 months, and

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(c) in the case of the wellhead boom truck craft, is one period of not less than 12 months.

(2) Repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(3) In the case of the boom truck craft, in the period that constitutes the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 1200 hours of on the job training and successfully complete the technical training that is required or approved by the Board.

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(4) In the case of the wellhead boom truck craft, in the period that constitutes the apprenticeship program an apprentice must acquire not less than 100 hours of on the job training and successfully complete the technical training that is required or approved by the Board.

Employment  
of apprentices  
re heavy boom  
truck craft

22 (1) Where, with respect to the employment of apprentices in the boom truck craft of the trade, a person employs an apprentice, that employment must be carried out in accordance with this section.

[Alta. Reg.129/2005]

(2) A person who is a certified journeyman in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade or employs a certified journeyman in that craft may employ one apprentice in that craft and one additional apprentice in that craft for each additional certified journeyman in that craft that is employed by that person.

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005, 270/2006]

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person who is a certified journeyman in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade or employs a certified journeyman in that craft, instead of employing an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade, may do one or more of the following:

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005, 270/2006]

(a) employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute the heavy boom truck craft or the wellhead boom truck craft,

[Alta. Reg.129/2005]

(b) repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

(c) employ an apprentice in the apprenticeship program in the wellhead boom truck craft to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute that craft;

(d) employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the tower crane branch of the trade to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute that branch.

[Alta. Reg. 34/2005]

## 23 Repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

Employment  
of apprentices  
re wellhead  
boom truck  
craft

- 24 (1)** Where, with respect to the employment of apprentices in the wellhead boom truck craft of the trade, a person employs an apprentice, that employment must be carried out in accordance with this section.
- (2)** A person who is a certified journeyman in the wellhead boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade or employs a certified journeyman in that craft may employ one apprentice in that craft and one additional apprentice in that craft for each additional certified journeyman in that craft that is employed by that person.

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]

- (3)** For the purposes of subsection (2), a person who is a certified journeyman in the wellhead boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade or employs a certified journeyman in that craft, instead of employing an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the wellhead boom truck craft, may do one or more of the following:

[Alta. Reg. 270/2006]

- (a)** employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the mobile crane branch of the trade to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute the wellhead boom truck craft;
- (b)** employ an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the boom truck craft to carry out any of the undertakings that constitute the wellhead boom truck craft.

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

Wages

- 25 (1)** With respect to the payment of wages to an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade, a person shall not, subject to the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation*, pay wages to an apprentice that are less than those provided for under subsection (2).

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

- (2)** Subject to the *Employment Standards Code*, a person employing an apprentice referred to in subsection (1) must pay wages to the apprentice during the period that constitutes the apprenticeship program that are at least equal to 70% of the wages paid to employees who are certified journeymen in the boom truck craft of the boom truck branch of the trade.

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005, 270/2006]

- (3)** In the case of an apprentice in an apprenticeship program in the tower crane branch of the trade, a person employing an apprentice pursuant to section 22(3) shall not pay wages to an apprentice that are less than those provided for under section 17.

[Alta. Reg. 34/2005]

**PART 5**  
**TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, REPEALS, EXPIRY AND COMING INTO FORCE**

**26** Repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

Apprenticeship  
continues **27** A person who immediately before January 1, 2001 was an apprentice in an apprenticeship program under the *Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator Trade Regulation* (AR 160/2000) continues as an apprentice in that apprenticeship program under this Regulation.

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

**28** Repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

**29** Repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

**30** Repealed

[Alta. Reg. 129/2005]

Repeal **31** The Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator Trade Regulation (AR 160/2000) is repealed.

Expiry **32** For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on October 31, 2013.

[Alta. Reg. 45/2006 & 82/2008]

Coming into  
force **33** This Regulation comes into force on January 1, 2001