



Provisional Operators Must Work Under Supervision Until Competent (*Full Scope Certification*)

A BC Crane Operator – Provisional designation (formerly Level B) is required during your entire training period. During this period, you will need to work under competent and qualified supervision until you achieve full certification.

Being a Credentialed Provisional Operator

After you registered with BC Crane Safety, you will have access to an online logbook where you record your work experience. Your sponsor/employer approves your logbook entries as you progress. **During this time, the employer is responsible for your training and supervision.**

What does “supervision” mean?

Your employer is ultimately responsible for your training and supervision and will assign a person who is considered qualified and competent to oversee your work. This person is an experienced operator who will help you become a professional (Full Scope) crane operator on the equipment you’re using.

Who can supervise a Provisional Operator?

The employer is responsible for this provisional operator at all times. The employer must assign a qualified and competent person to supervise the provisional operator. And depending on the type of work you are doing, supervision can be either direct or indirect, which can change at the discretion of the employer.

Qualified and **competent** crane supervisors must meet the criteria in both definitions to perform as a supervisor for Provisional Operators. Large worksites with many different operations happening at the same time, or multi-employer worksites may require more than one qualified and competent person.

Provisional Operators

These operator types need competent and qualified supervision during the entire training period, until operators become certified.

Employers

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Qualified means the person has successfully completed exams or training courses or who has extensive knowledge, training and experience and has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to crane assembly, disassembly, operation, inspection on a worksite.

Competent means the person can also demonstrate knowledge, experience, and skill beyond the successful completion of exams or training courses, including crane assembly, disassembly, operation and inspection knowledge and demonstrate the ability to identify and correct job/trade related hazards.

Direct and Indirect Supervision

Direct supervision means the supervisor is close enough to observe and to provide verbal directions while you are performing critical lifts.

Indirect supervision refers to oversight activities (other than direct observation) to provide guidance and to ensure that you are fully qualified to perform routine, non-critical lifts.

Can a Provisional Credentialed Operator perform a critical lift?

Yes. It is important to understand that direct supervision is required. Under direct supervision, the supervisor is required to be close enough to observe and to provide verbal directions to the provisional operator while performing critical lifts. "In clear line of site and communication with each other during the critical lift".

How can I get full certification?

To become a full scope operator, you must ensure you have recorded your work experience in your Skill Record, and your sponsor/employer signs off on your logbook at the end of your training period. This will confirm that you have the required number of operating hours and have the relevant experience. Your Provisional designation expires after one year but can be renewed for another year up to three times. The renewal is valid for the same crane classification as the original designation. Any other operational restrictions continue to apply.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact BC Crane Safety at info@bccranesafety.ca or 604-336-4699. We're here to help.