

## Montana Crane Operator Program

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## Licensing Requirements and Application Checklist Crane Operator

### **Checklist of Required Documents to Submit for Application for Crane Operators**

The following documents and additional forms are required in addition to the basic application. Some documents may be submitted directly by the applicant as part of the application.

- Completed experience form.
- A copy of national certification-**if applicable**. (NCCCO, CIC, OECF, NCCER, or EICA Certification or Card)
- A copy of current physical within 180 days
- Official license verification from states and jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional license of any type.
- If you answered yes to any personal history question on the application, include a detailed explanation on the event(s) and documentation from the source (licensing board, federal agencies/programs, or civil/criminal court proceedings such as initiating/charging documents, final disposition/judgment documents, etc.).

### **Application Fee(s) for Crane Operators**

The following fee(s) must be submitted with your application. You can apply and pay online using a debit/credit card or bank account.

- \$105: First and Second Class by Exam (\$100) and Contingent Litigation Fee (\$5)
- \$65: Third Class Oiler (\$60) and Contingent Litigation Fee (\$5)
- \$85: National Certification/Reciprocity (\$80) and Contingent Litigation Fee (\$5)

All license applications expire within 1 year of initial submission to the department.

**You can apply for a license online at: [aca-prod.accela.com/POL](http://aca-prod.accela.com/POL)**

**Please include a valid email address with your application. Email is the Department's primary form of communication.**

The regulations can be found in [MCA 50-76-1](#) and [ARM 24.135](#).

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Manufacturer Load Chart Rating</b>	<b>Minimum Experience/Qualifications</b>
Third Class Oiler	Move Truck Cranes only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
First Class Crane Hoist	Friction and Hydraulic cranes over 17.5 tons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating equipment requiring a second-class license.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
First Class Crane Hydraulic Hoist	Hydraulic cranes over 17.5 tons.	
Second Class Crane Hoist	Friction and Hydraulic cranes between 6 to 17.5 tons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating equipment between 6 and 17.5 tons.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
Second Class Crane Hydraulic & Boom Truck	Hydraulic cranes between 6 to 17.5 tons.	
First Class Crane Gantry & Trolley	Gantry and Trolley cranes of any capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating gantry or trolley crane.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
First Class Mine Hoist	Mine hoist engines delivering unlimited brake horsepower.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating mine hoists.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
Second Class Mine Hoist	Mine hoist engines delivering 100 brake horsepower or less.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating mine hoists with 100 brake horsepower or less.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
First Class Hoist Engine	Hoist engines delivering unlimited horsepower.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating equipment for the license you are applying for.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
Second Class Hoist Engine	Hoist engines delivering up to 100 brake horsepower.	
First Class Tower Crane	Tower cranes over 17.5 tons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating a tower crane over 17.5 tones.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>
Second Class Tower Crane	Tower cranes up to 17.5 tons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age 18 or older.</li> <li>- 1 year (1,000 hours) experience operating a tower crane under 17.5 tones.</li> <li>- Submit current physical examination taken within 180 days prior to application.</li> <li>- Pass written exam.</li> </ul>