



24.135.516 CRANE HOISTING OPERATORS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- (1) No person shall operate any crane hoisting equipment except as listed in (9) of this rule without first obtaining a crane hoisting operator's license from the bureau, unless meeting requirements of (7).
- (2) The following crane hoisting operator's licenses are issued under 50-76-103, MCA:
 - (a) first-class crane hoisting;
 - (b) first-class crane hydraulic hoisting;
 - (c) first-class crane gantry and trolley;
 - (d) second-class crane hoisting;
 - (e) second-class hydraulic and boom truck;
 - (f) third-class crane oiler;
 - (g) first-class tower crane;
 - (h) second-class tower crane; and
 - (i) air tugger.
- (3) A person applying for a crane hoisting operator's license under 50-76-103, MCA, shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) have passed their 18th birthday;
 - (b) have passed a physical examination within 180 days prior to a new application and present this report to the department, or present proof of passing an applicable physical examination; and
 - (c) pass a written examination as prescribed by the bureau.
- (4) An applicant for a first-class crane hoisting license, first-class crane hydraulic license, first-class tower crane license or a first-class gantry and trolley license shall have no less than one year of experience in the operation of crane hoist equipment covered by this rule, at a minimum of 1000 hours per year. Applicants with less than one year of experience do not qualify for a first-class crane hoisting license. Applicants with work experience acquired in states that have no licensing requirements will qualify if their notarized certificate of experience indicates they have the required work experience on the applicable equipment.

- (a) The holder of a first-class crane hoisting license can operate all classes of cranes and hoists except mine hoists.
 - (b) The holder of a first-class crane hydraulic hoisting license can operate all classes of hydraulic cranes, hydraulic boom trucks and hydraulic hoist equipment only.
 - (c) The holder of a first-class crane license for gantry and trolley cranes can operate gantry and trolley cranes only.
 - (d) The holder of a first-class tower crane license can operate all types of tower cranes only.
 - (e) The holder of an air tugger winch license can operate all types of air tugger winches, other than air tugger winches on equipment used to drill oil, natural gas, or water wells.
- (5) An applicant for a second-class crane hoisting license, second-class tower crane license or second-class hydraulic and boom truck license shall have no less than one year of experience in the operation of crane hoisting equipment covered by this rule, at a minimum of 1000 hours per year. Applicants with less than one year of experience do not qualify for second-class crane hoisting licenses. Applicants with work experience acquired in states that have no licensing requirements will qualify if their notarized certificate of experience indicates they have the required work experience on the applicable equipment.
- (a) The holder of a second-class crane hoist license can operate cranes with a manufacturer's load chart rating up to 17.5 tons, except mine hoists, or a tower crane of any capacity.
 - (b) The holder of a second-class hydraulic license can operate hydraulic cranes or boom trucks with a manufacturer's load chart rating up to 17.5 tons.
 - (c) The holder of a second-class tower crane license can operate tower cranes up to 17.5 tons.
- (6) A third-class crane oiler's license requires no experience or physical examination. A third-class crane license authorizes the holder to move truck cranes only.
- (7) Persons operating crane hoisting equipment listed in this rule who have less than one year of experience must work under the direct supervision of a qualified crane hoisting operator or participate in a certified apprenticeship training program.
- (8) Application for a license must be accompanied by the following:
- (a) A notarized certificate of experience signed by a person having actual knowledge of the applicant's past work experience.
 - (b) A report of physical examination filled out and signed by the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse having given the physical examination. The form is provided by the bureau upon request. An alternate form may be used if approved by the bureau. This physical examination form must also be filled out and submitted for license renewals.
 - (c) A qualification and experience information form provided by the bureau.
 - (d) The license fee provided by ARM 24.135.402.
- (9) Crane hoisting operator's licenses need not be obtained to operate the following types of equipment:
- (a) crane hoisting equipment that has a manufacturer's rating of six tons or less;

- (b) overhead trolley cranes of any size not used in construction;
- (c) equipment with excavation attachments or log loading equipment; or
- (d) line trucks and bucket trucks.

Authorizing statute(s): 50-76-112, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 50-76-103, 50-76-104, MCA

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