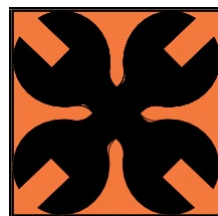




# Ironworker Rigger & Signal Person Certification Program

FAQs



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## Why do we need a Rigging and Signal Person certification?

OSHA's subpart CC requires signal person qualification by a third-party qualifier and that riggers must be qualified.

While a letter of interpretation from OSHA recognizes that labor-management joint apprenticeship training programs that train and assess signal persons and riggers would typically meet the definition for a third-party qualified evaluator many Contractors, States and Municipalities have requested or required a Qualified Riggers and Signal Person Certification.

This has caused many of our member to solicit training and testing from other sources costing hundreds of dollars to maintain their certification. The testing from other sources did not have any input from the Ironworkers or their Contractors. In response, the Ironworkers Rigger and Signalperson Certification Program was developed.

## What are the requirements to take the exam?

Requirements for certification include the following:

- Member of the Iron Workers in good standing
- Comply with the IICB substance abuse policy
- Have 6,000 hours of industry experience
- Must have completed and passed the Ironworkers Rigging and Crane course or Equivalent
- Sign the confidentiality policy and examination rules
- Then you must pass the written and practical examination

## What is the reason for the substance abuse policy and being in good standing?

Maintaining membership and complying with the substance abuse policy shows responsibility.

## Why is 6000 hours of industry experience required?

On the job experience shows knowledge was gained by other sources besides text books.

## I've been an Ironworker for years, why do I need these required courses?

Completing the Rigging and Crane Course or equivalent proves exposure to rigging and crane hardware, equipment, load charts, rigging and signaling techniques and inspection and removal criteria.



## Where can I take the exams?

Contact your local Union training center.

## How do I register for the exam?

Fill out an exam application at your Local Union training center, be sure to supply the required documents and sign the release and confidentiality statement. The Training Center will send in your application when they are scheduling an exam. You will be notified if you are eligible.

## How do I become a certified Rigger and Signal Person?

All eligible candidates must pass the written and practical exam.

## What topics are covered in the written exam?

- Codes and Regulation
- Crane set up & load charts
- Rigging components
- Voice and hand signals
- Rigging inspection
- lifting procedures
- hitches
- rigging safety

What performance exercises are required in the practical exam?

- Perform Hand and voice signals
- Perform slings & Hardware inspection
- Perform basic hitches
- Tie 6 knots
- Rig, transfer and invert a load

## Is there a time limit for the exams?

There is a two-hour time limit for each exam

## Does it matter which exam I take first?

The written exam must be successfully completed first (80% minimum score) and the practical exam is to be completed within 6 months of the written exam.



## How can I prepare for the exams?

Review the following Standards or manuals:

- IW Rigging and Crane manuals
- IW Rigging and Crane Review
- OSHA 1926 Construction Standards
- IPT's Crane and Rigging Training Manual
- Bob's Rigging and Crane hand book

## Some helpful links from Crosby

[https://www.hhilifting.com/pdf/Crosby/2016\\_Crosby\\_General\\_Catalog\\_%20English\\_Imperial\\_Rigging\\_Information.pdf](https://www.hhilifting.com/pdf/Crosby/2016_Crosby_General_Catalog_%20English_Imperial_Rigging_Information.pdf)

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## How long is the Rigging and Signal Person certification good for?

The certification is good for five years from the date of completing the written exam.

## What will I need to bring for the written exam?

A government issued picture ID and something to write with. The written exam will be computer-based . Calculators and scratch paper will be supplied.

**NOTE:** Phones, cameras or any type of recording devices are not allowed in the exam room.

## What will I need to bring for the practical exam?

Since the practical exam will take place in the shop you will need work clothes, proper boots, gloves, safety glasses and hard hat.

## Are there any application fees?

There are no application fees for candidates that meet the program's eligibility requirement

## What are the recertification requirements?

To recertify you must take and pass a written exam prior to the 5-year expiration date. There is not a grace period. Therefore, it is recommended to take the recertification exam prior to the expiration date.



## What happens if I let the certification lapse?

Once again there is not a grace period. You would have to start from the beginning and take both the written and performance exams.

## How do I get more information?

### Read the Candidate Manual

The Certified Rigger and Signalperson Candidate Manual contains important information on the requirements to obtain Rigger and Signalperson certification through the Ironworkers Rigger and Signalperson Certification Program. Further information can be obtained at the following link.  
<http://www.ironworkers.org/>

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