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ALBAT Policy Memorandum

Subject: NCCCO / EICA Crane and Digger Derrick Certification Pre-Qualification Requirements

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Purpose

ALBAT offers NCCCO and EICA Crane Operator Certification testing as part of its mission to support a safe, qualified, and nationally credentialed electrical line construction workforce. These certifications are national professional credentials, not entry-level crane training programs.

Due to the high cost of testing, limited seating, and the risk of failure by under-qualified candidates, ALBAT is implementing a formal Pre-Qualification Policy to ensure that only individuals with sufficient operating readiness are enrolled.

Scope

This policy applies to all individuals seeking enrollment in any ALBAT-hosted or ALBAT-sponsored NCCCO or EICA Crane and Digger Derrick Certification programs, including apprentices, journeymen, groundmen, and equipment operators.

Policy Statement

ALBAT will only enroll candidates who have demonstrated that they possess sufficient crane operating experience to reasonably pass a national certification exam. This policy protects ALBAT training funds, contractor investments, instructor resources, and the integrity of ALBAT-sponsored certifications.

Pre-Qualification Pathways

Candidates must qualify under one of the following two pathways before being approved for NCCCO/EICA testing.

Pathway A – Field Experience Verification

The candidate must submit written verification from a Foreman, General Foreman, or Superintendent confirming sufficient crane seat-time. Verification must include candidate name, crane type, description of duties, approximate duration of crane operation, a statement of competency, and supervisor signature and contact information. ALBAT reserves the right to verify or reject any documentation.

Pathway B – ALBAT Simulator Qualification

Candidates without sufficient field seat-time may qualify through ALBAT's crane and Digger Derrick simulator program by completing all required modules and achieving a minimum score of 80% on each module. Simulator performance is documented and validated by ALBAT instructional staff.

Program Limitations

NCCCO and EICA programs are certification testing programs, not crane operator training classes. ALBAT may deny, defer, or require additional simulator training for any candidate deemed unlikely to pass.

Implementation

This policy is effective January 1, 2026 and applies to all future NCCCO and EICA certification offerings administered by ALBAT.

ALBAT Commitment

ALBAT remains committed to expanding access to crane certification while maintaining the highest professional and safety standards. The simulator qualification pathway ensures access while protecting the integrity of national credentials and ALBAT's training investments.

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