

OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL TRADES

Class 7 – Operating Engineers: Portable, Heavy & Construction Equipment Classes and Description
 Licenses are categorized by equipment used. Regardless of when they are issued, licenses expire **September 30** on even-numbered years.

Class/License	Equipment and Experience
Apprentice	License granted without examination . Apprentices must work under the direct supervision of a licensed operating engineer or be enrolled in an apprenticeship program.
Class 7 – UNLIMITED (Class A, B, C & D)	This unlimited license covers all equipment under classes 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D. Proof of at least three years’ experience in the care and operation of all the equipment is required.
Class 7A (Air Compressors)	Compressors with a capacity in excess of one hundred ten (110) cubic feet per minute at one hundred (100) pounds per square inch. At least six months’ experience in the care and operation of the class of equipment for which the license is to be applied.
Class 7B (Earth-Moving Equipment)	Earth-moving equipment used to excavate, level, and haul large quantities of earth. Examples include but are not limited to bulldozers, excavators, hoisting machines, scrapers, rollers, graders, front-end loaders, trenching machines and similar and related equipment. At least one-year experience in the care and operation of a class of equipment for which the license is to be applied.
Class 7C (Tower Cranes)	Derrick cranes, consisting of a fixed vertical mast, rotating boom and bull wheel made to hoist and lower weight. Examples include but are not limited to hammerhead and self-erecting cranes. At least two years’ experience in the care and operation of the class of equipment for which the license is to be applied.
Class 7D (Mobile Cranes)	Crawler or wheel-type cranes mounted on wheels or tracks. Examples include but are not limited to all terrain cranes, lattice boom trucks and crawlers, and rough terrain cranes. At least two years’ experience in the care and operation of the class of equipment for which license is to be applied.

Class 7 – Operating Engineers – Application Instructions, cont'd

If you meet the requirements detailed above, you can obtain any license by examination. However, you **must** show proof of a valid National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) certification to waive Class 7C and 7D exams.

Examination - To sit for the exam, you must show the appropriate amount of experience. Please review the chart above. Submit an employment verification letter(s) signed off by previous employer(s) as proof of experience. Letters should detail the length of time employed and the equipment used.

NCCCO Waiver (Classes 7C and 7D ONLY) – Exams for Class 7C and/or 7D licenses can be waived with proof of a current National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) card. More information on NCCCO can be found at <http://www.nccco.org> or by calling (703) 560-2391.

Some Frequently Asked Questions

I'm ready to take my exam. Is there a study guide?

DLCP does not offer a study guide or reference materials for Class 7 exams. Exams are based on field experience

Where can I find more information on training and resources?

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

<https://www.abc.org/>

(202) 555-1212

Department of Employment Services (DOES) Apprenticeships

<https://does.dc.gov/service/how-be-apprentice>

(202) 724-7000

International Union of Operating Engineers – IUOE Local 77

<http://www.iuoelocal77.org/index>

(301) 899-6900

National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO)

<http://www.nccco.org/>

(703) 560-2391

What will I need before I apply?

- ✓ One 2"x2" passport-style photo (.jpeg format)
- ✓ Government-issued identification card (e.g., driver's license)
- ✓ Debit or credit card to pay application, exam, or license fees
- ✓ Employment verification letter or apprenticeship school enrollment¹
- ✓ Valid NCCCO card (**Class 7C and 7D ONLY**)

Ready to apply? Visit the **Board of Industrial Trades** (<https://dlcp.dc.gov/industrialtrades>)

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