



HOW TO GET YOUR HEAVY MACHINERY CERTIFICATE

Every piece of public infrastructure, like bridges, roads, and tall buildings, was constructed by heavy machinery operators. While heavy equipment does make getting these tasks done easier, one false move can jeopardize the safety of the worksite.

That's why some operators must obtain a heavy equipment license or certification.

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Earn your high school diploma or GED



Complete proper training



Complete an accredited union or state apprenticeship



Acquire additional licenses and certificates

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- + Be at least 18 years of age. You must be 21 if a job requires you to move heavy equipment across state lines.
- + Have a valid driver's license
- + Pass both written and practical exams
- + Pass a vision test and obtain a medical certificate proving you're physically able to operate heavy equipment
- + Finish entry-level driver training if you plan to obtain a CDL (Commercial Driver's License)
Abide by all substance abuse policies set by your licensing agency, whether it be the NCCCO (National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators) or another organization. Heavy equipment operators are typically prohibited from using drugs and cannabis while on the job.



Find an Accredited Heavy Equipment School Near You

Are you ready to move forward with your career but don't want to wait years to get started? Then you need to explore **Heavy Equipment Colleges of America (HEC)** locations near you.