

## **BOOM TRUCK OPERATOR – FOLDING BOOM UNLIMITED TONNAGE**

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### **Occupation Description**

“Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage” operator means a person who operates a truck mounted folding boom crane with capacity over 22 tonnes to perform lifts and hoists, places and secures loads, sets up the crane, takes down the crane and plans lifts and crane procedures.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the ITA website.

### **Pathways to Certification**

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage by completing the Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage program or by challenging the certification. All crane operators must be registered with BC Crane Safety prior to applying for ITA apprenticeship registration. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Youth can begin an apprenticeship in high school through the Youth Train in Trades or Youth Work in Trades programs. The Youth Work in Trades program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through the Youth Train in Trades vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through the Youth Train in Trades program in your region.

Foundation programs, where available, provide adults and youth who do not have work experience or employer sponsorship with an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills needed to enter the occupation. Individuals who wish to enroll in a Foundation program must register directly with the training provider.

### **Recommended Education**

The following education is recommended for apprentices entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 12 or equivalent

### **BC Crane Safety Registration**

BC Crane Safety registration is required for all crane operators in British Columbia. Registration forms are available on the BC Crane Safety website at [www.bccranesafety.ca](http://www.bccranesafety.ca).

### **ITA Registration**

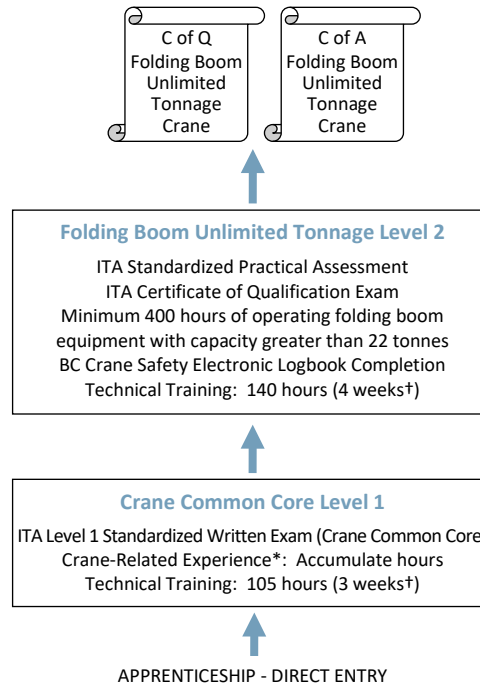
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Those who wish to challenge the Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage certification must complete the Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage Challenge Package and submit it to ITA. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the challenge pathway.

**Apprenticeship Pathway**

This graphic provides an overview of the Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage apprenticeship pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification  
C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship*



\* Crane-related experience as entered in the operator’s BC Crane Safety electronic logbook  
† Suggested duration based on 35-hour week

**CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS**  
*Individuals who hold partial credit in a crane program and plan to move to an alternate crane program*

|                           |  |
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| Crane Common Core Level 1 | Technical Training: Level 1, including ITA Level 1 Standardized Written Exam (Crane Common Core) |
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**INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM PROFILE**  
**RECOGNIZED PROGRAM**

**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

**Credentials Awarded**

- Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage - Certificate of Qualification
- Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage - Certificate of Apprenticeship

**ITA Registration Prerequisites** ▪ Agreement signed by the Sponsor to sponsor the apprentice

**Completion Requirements** Certification as a Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage is awarded upon successful completion of:

| Requirement   | Level of Achievement Required   |
|---|---|
| Technical Training  | Minimum 70% in each level of technical training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Crane Common Core Level 1: 3 weeks*</li> <li>▪ Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage Level 2: 4 weeks*</li> </ul>                            |
| ITA Level 1 Standardized Written Exam (Crane Common Core)   | ▪ Minimum 70%   |
| ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam   | ▪ Minimum 70%   |
| ITA Standardized Practical Assessment   | ▪ Pass<br><i>Note: Successful completion of the ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam is required before attempting the practical assessment</i>  |
| Work-Based Training   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duration will vary depending upon the individual and the completion of defined competencies</li> <li>▪ Minimum 400 hours of operating folding boom equipment with capacity greater than 22 tonnes</li> </ul> |
| Notification by BC Crane Safety that the Sponsor(s) has recommended certification of the apprentice in this trade | ▪ Completed electronic logbook signed off by the Sponsor(s) on all competencies and workplace hours   |

(\*Assuming 35 hours in school per week)

**Program Duration** Duration varies depending on how training is delivered and the type and number of workplace hours that are accumulated.

The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by an ITA-approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g., distance education, online, part-time) and/or level challenge where these options are available.

**Challenging a Level** The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:

- Crane Common Core Level 1



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**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

**Cross-Program Credits**

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**Credential**

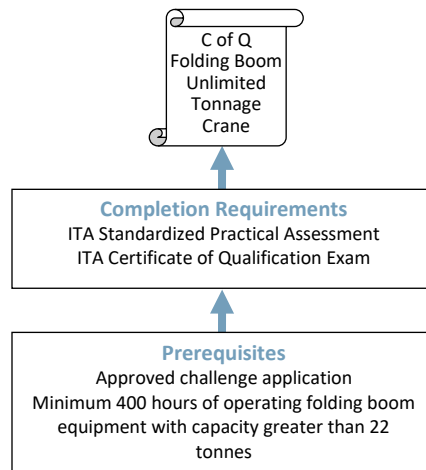
Crane Common Core Level 1

**Credit(s) Granted**

- Technical Training: Level 1, including ITA Level 1 Standardized Written Exam (Crane Common Core)

### Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage challenge pathway.



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#### CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

*Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program*

*None*



**Challenge Program Standards**

**Credentials Awarded**

- Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage - Certificate of Qualification

**ITA Registration Prerequisites**    An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- Documented evidence of achievement of the competencies listed in the ITA Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage Challenge Application
- Minimum 400 hours of operating folding boom equipment with capacity greater than 22 tonnes

**Credit for Prior Learning**      Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met, or partially met, the prerequisites for challenging this program:

| Credential | Credit(s) Granted  |
|------------|--|
| None       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul> |

**Completion Requirements**

- Certification as a Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage is awarded upon successful completion of:

| Requirement                           | Level of Achievement Required  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum 70%</li> </ul>  |
| ITA Standardized Practical Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pass</li> <li>▪ <i>Note: Successful completion of the ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam is required before attempting the practical assessment</i></li> </ul> |



### **Supporting Documents**

Boom Truck Operator – Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage Program Outline (2012) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website: [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

Operator logbook – Crane programs utilize an electronic logbook which is assigned upon registering with BC Crane Safety. All crane operators must be registered with BC Crane Safety.

### **Contacts**

The **Industry Training Authority (ITA)** manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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| Telephone:             | 778-328-8700                                   | Fax:   | 778-328-8701   |
| Toll Free (within BC): | 1-866-660-6011                                 | Email: | <a href="mailto:customerservice@itabc.ca">customerservice@itabc.ca</a> |
| Website:               | <a href="http://www.itabc.ca">www.itabc.ca</a> |        |  |

**BC Crane Safety** sets and manages the industry program standards and the crane operator certification program in British Columbia. BC Crane Safety works with industry to identify current and emerging knowledge, skill, and safety requirements for occupations related to this program.

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| Telephone: | 604-336-4699                                     | Fax:     | 604-336-4510   |
| Email:     | <a href="mailto:info@bcacs.ca">info@bcacs.ca</a> | Website: | <a href="http://www.bccranesafety.ca">www.bccranesafety.ca</a> |

### **Revision History**

The standards for this program were reviewed and/or updated on the dates below.

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