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Dear concrete pump industry stakeholders:

WorkSafeBC reminds you that the transition period for workers to receive concrete pump operator certification is coming to an end and this certification will become mandatory as of January 1, 2024.

At this time, many operators still have not obtained their certification. We expect demand to increase as we get closer to January 1, 2024, so we are asking you to ensure your concrete pump operators obtain their certification as soon as possible. As an employer, you are responsible for ensuring your workers comply with this important safety requirement if you own, coordinate work with, or operate equipment utilizing concrete pumps.

### A summary of the requirements

Concrete pump operator certification has been offered on a voluntary basis since September 2019. It became a mandatory requirement through amendments to sections of Part 20 of the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulation, which took effect on December 1, 2021. A grace period was provided to allow operators time to get their training, but this period ends on January 1, 2024.

Under the requirements, no one may operate a concrete pump or placing boom at a workplace unless they hold a valid concrete pump operator certificate. The training must be specific to the class or type of concrete pump or placing boom being operated. Alternatively, the equipment can be operated by someone under the supervision of a certified operator.

### How to get certification

Certified Concrete Pump Operator (CCPO) certification can be obtained through the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA). Assessments for CCPO certification take approximately one day to complete and assessors travel anywhere in the province as needed. To learn more and register, visit [www.ccpo.ca](https://www.ccpo.ca).

### For more information

Thank you for taking action to ensure you are complying with this important protection for workers. For additional information on the requirements, see our [primer on certification of concrete pump operators](#).

Sincerely,



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