WAC 296-155-53102  Accreditation—Application form and applicant qualifications.  (1) An accreditation to certify cranes pursuant to this rule may be obtained by submitting a completed application to the division of occupational safety and health (DOSH) and successfully completing written examinations developed and administered by the department or its authorized representative. Application forms may be obtained by calling the:
Crane certification section of DOSH 360-902-4943 or by written request to:
P.O. Box 44650, Olympia, WA 98504-4650

(2) An applicant seeking an accreditation must satisfy all of the following criteria:
(a) An application with an attached resume must be submitted to the department based on experience with the various crane types per the ASME B30 series. The application and resume must include knowledge, training and experience with verifiable references.
(b) All applicants must possess knowledge of chapter 296-155 WAC, Safety standards for construction work, as well as American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) standards, relating to the design, testing, inspection and operation of cranes, including those specifically applicable to the types of cranes for which an accreditation will be issued.
(c) All applicants must demonstrate at least 5 years crane related experience, of which two years must be actual crane inspection activities. The other 3 years may include experience in duties such as a crane operator, crane mechanic, crane shop foreman, crane operations supervision, or rigging specialist. Related education may be substituted for related experience at a ratio of two years of education for one year of experience up to 3 years. Related education could include such courses in engineering, physics, applied mathematics, applied science courses in nondestructive testing, construction technology, technical courses in heavy equipment mechanic, welding technology, etc.

(3) Application form. Any application for accreditation will be accepted by the department upon the filing of a completed application. All information and attachments must be given under penalty of perjury. The application must include, but not be limited to, the following:
(a) A statement of the crane types per the ASME B30 series the applicant desires to certify pursuant to the accreditation.
(b) A statement of qualifications and experience, including their capacities, satisfying at a minimum the criteria set forth in this section as well as any and all other qualifications the applicant wishes the department to consider.
(c) Any other relevant information the applicant desires to be considered by the department.

(4) Written examinations. Applicants to be approved for accreditation must successfully complete the written examinations administered by the department or its authorized representative.
(a) Once the department receives the application and resume, the department will make the determination and notify the applicant if they meet the minimum qualifications to take the written examinations.
(b) The first written examination will include a general knowledge of operation, testing, inspection and maintenance requirements,
and the duties and recordkeeping responsibilities required by this rule.

(c) The other written examinations will include safe operating and engineering principles and practices with respect to specific crane types subject to the accreditation, including inspection and proof loading requirements.

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