

**WAC 296-155-53301 Lift director qualifications.** (1) The lift director must meet the qualification requirements prior to using a crane/equipment to perform hoisting activities. A lift director is required to be present and directly oversees all work that is being performed by a crane and the associated rigging crew. This requirement must be met by using either Option (1) or Option (2).

(a) Option (1) - Third-party qualified evaluator. The lift director has documentation from a third-party qualified evaluator showing that the lift director meets the qualification requirements listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

(b) Option (2) - Employer's qualified evaluator. The employer's qualified evaluator must assess the individual and determine that the individual meets the qualification requirements listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and provides documentation of that determination. An assessment by an employer's qualified evaluator under this option is not portable, meaning other employers are not permitted to use this qualification to meet the requirements of this section.

(c) The employer must make the documentation for whichever option is used available at the site while the lift director is employed by the employer. The documentation may be in digital format.

(2) If subsequent actions by the lift director indicate that the individual may not meet the qualification requirements listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the employer must not allow the individual to continue working as a lift director until retraining is provided and a reassessment is made in accordance with subsection (1) of this section that confirms that the individual meets the qualification requirements.

(3) Each lift director must:

(a) Be a current qualified rigger as outlined in WAC 296-155-53306 Rigger qualifications; and

(b) Be a current qualified signal person as outlined in WAC 296-155-53302 Signal person qualifications.

(4) Qualification requirements. Each lift director must:

(a) Know and understand the relevant requirements of WAC 296-155-53401(6) Duties of assigned personnel;

(b) Know and understand the relevant requirements of WAC 296-155-53408 Power line safety;

(c) Know and understand the relevant requirements of WAC 296-155-56420 Operator certification—Written examination—Technical knowledge criteria; and

(d) Demonstrate that they meet these requirements of this subsection through the successful passing of a written or oral test, containing questions based on (a) through (c) of this subsection. All tests must be documented and provided upon request.

(5) Qualification period. A lift director qualification may not exceed a five-year period; this qualification must be renewed every five years to ensure lift directors maintain qualified status. This renewal must include a documented written or oral exam.

(6) During the assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration work of a tower crane, a lift director shall NOT perform combined duties listed in WAC 296-155-53401. For example, a lift director and an A/D director, lift director and crane operator, or lift director and rigger. The lift director may assist in rigging or signaling.

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