

WAC 296-155-53303 Assembly/disassembly director qualifications.

(1) The assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration of a crane/equipment must be directed by an A/D director who has the authority to, and must take prompt corrective measures to, eliminate hazards, along with meeting the qualification requirements (subsection (3) of this section). This requirement must be met by using either Option (1) or Option (2). The employer must make the documentation for whichever option is used available at the site while the A/D director is employed by the employer. The documentation must specify each type of crane/equipment for which the A/D director meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(a) Option (1) - Third-party qualified evaluator. The A/D director has documentation from a third-party qualified evaluator showing that the A/D director meets the qualification requirements listed in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) Option (2) - Employer's qualified evaluator. The employer's qualified evaluator assesses the A/D director and determines that the A/D director meets the qualification requirements listed in subsection (3) 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.

(2) If subsequent actions by the A/D director indicate that the individual may not meet the qualification requirements listed in subsection (3) of this section, the site supervisor and the crane user must not allow the individual to continue working as an A/D 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) Qualification requirements. Each A/D director must:

(a) Be capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions of the assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration work which are hazardous, or dangerous to employees;

(b) Have knowledge of applicable chapter 296-155 WAC, Part L, requirements regarding relevant crane assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration procedures;

(c) Have knowledge of manufacturer's instructions, warnings, precautions and prohibitions regarding the assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration of the specific crane being assembled, disassembled, or reconfigured;

(d) Know and fulfill the relevant duty requirements of WAC 296-155-53401(9) and this section; and

(e) Demonstrate that they meet the requirements in (a) through (d) of this subsection through the successful passing of a written or oral test. All tests must be documented and provided upon request.

(f) FOR TOWER CRANES ONLY: For the assembly, disassembly, or reconfiguration of a tower crane, the A/D director must also have a valid assembly/disassembly director certification, issued by a nationally accredited organization recognized by the department. This requirement is effective beginning January 1, 2027, or 12 months after the date an applicable certification program is approved by a nationally accredited organization recognized by the department.

(4) Qualification period. An A/D director qualification cannot exceed a five-year period; this qualification must be renewed every five years to ensure A/D directors maintain qualified status. At a minimum, this renewal must include a documented written or oral exam.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010, 49.17.040, 49.17.050, 49.17.060, and chapter 49.17 RCW. WSR 25-16-089, s 296-155-53303, filed 8/5/25, effective 9/5/25.]