GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
LICENSING PROCESS – OPERATING ENGINEERS

What You Will Need Before You Apply
✓ One 2”x2” passport-style photo (.jpeg format) See example--->
✓ Government-issued identification card (e.g., driver’s license)
✓ Debit or credit card to pay application, exam or license fees
✓ Employment verification letter or apprenticeship school enrollment

Requirements: (Portable, Heavy & Construction Equipment)

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<td>Apprentice</td>
<td>License granted <strong>without examination</strong>. Apprentices must work under the direct supervision of a licensed operating engineer or is currently enrolled in an apprenticeship program.</td>
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<td>7 – Combination (Class A, B, &amp; C)</td>
<td>License covers equipment under the following: 7A air compressors, all equipment under category 7B, and Class 7C tower cranes. At least <strong>three years’ experience</strong> in the care and operation of the classes of equipment for which the license is to be applied. Employment verification letter required.</td>
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<td>7A – Air Compressors</td>
<td>Compressors with a capacity in excess of one hundred ten (110) cubic feet per minute at one hundred (100) pounds per square inch. At least <strong>six months’ experience</strong> in the care and operation of the class of equipment for which the license is to be applied. Employment verification letter required.</td>
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<td>7B – Earth-moving Equipment</td>
<td>Earth-moving equipment to excavate, level, and haul large quantities of earth. Examples include but are not limited to bulldozers, excavators, hoisting machines, scrapers, rollers, graders, front-end loaders, trenching machines and similar and related equipment. At least <strong>one year experience</strong> in the care and operation of class of equipment for which the license is to be applied. Employment verification letter required.</td>
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<td>7C – Tower Cranes</td>
<td>Derrick cranes, consisting of a fixed vertical mast, rotating boom and bull wheel made to hoist and lower weight. Examples include but are not limited to hammerhead and self-erecting cranes. At least <strong>two years’ experience</strong> in the care and operation of the class of equipment for which license is to be applied. Employment verification letter required.</td>
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<td>7D – Mobile Cranes</td>
<td>Crawler or wheel-type cranes, mounted on wheels or tractors. Examples include but are not limited to all terrain cranes, lattice boom trucks and crawlers, and rough terrain cranes. At least <strong>two years’ experience</strong> in the care and operation of the class of equipment for which license is to be applied. Employment verification letter required.</td>
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Ready to apply? Visit the Board of Industrial Trades website at: [https://www.dcopla.com/trades](https://www.dcopla.com/trades)

NEW APPLICANTS - To begin your online application:
1. Under **Licensing Services**, click on the link to the online portal.
2. Select **Register** under **New Individual Applicant**
3. Complete the registration process and follow the prompts to **create a new account**

EXISTING LICENSEES – To access your online account:
1. Under **Licensing Services**, click on the link to the online portal.
2. Under **Login**, click **Forgot Your Password**?
3. Enter your **license number** as your UserID (include letters and numbers with no spaces).
4. Check your **e-mail inbox** for a link to reset your password (check your Spam/Junk folder).
5. Follow the prompts to **create a New Password**.
6. **Log In** to the system using your license number and new password.
7. Scroll down to your license type and begin.

Exams Reference Materials - None
Exams are based on field experience and will be administered via computer at: Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, 1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E500, Washington, DC 20024. If you encounter any issues with this process or have questions, please contact a customer service representative at 1-866-270-9817.

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1 If you are enrolled in a training program, you will need to provide your institution’s information. If you are currently employed, please submit a signed and notarized verification of employment letter.