



National Certification Procedures Bulletin

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Subject: Multi-purpose cranes

In the past

Multi-purpose cranes certificates of competency were previously issued under the Construction Safety Act as a Class 25, and the certificates were often endorsed with various attachments ie:

- crane hook
- loader bucket
- forklift tynes
- personnel basket

National Certification Position

The **national** position taken throughout Australia is that the **multi-purpose crane** be classified as a non-slewing mobile crane for the purpose of establishing certification requirements. (Definition of a non-slewing mobile crane is given on page 25 of the *Industrial Certification Manual*).

Note: A non-slewing mobile crane may also be operated by a person holding a slewing crane certificate.

A non-slewing mobile crane with a SWL of 3 tonnes or less does not require a certificate to operate. Similarly, **a certificate is not required to operate a multi-purpose crane with a SWL (or WLL) of 3 tonne or less.** This is applicable no matter what attachments are fitted to the crane.

Accordingly, a multi-purpose crane will be assessed as a non-slewing mobile crane regardless of the attachment that would potentially be used.

Employers have a duty of care to ensure adequate training, supervision and instruction, and information has been provided on the use of attachments.

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