

40845**Maintain standards of work in the crane industry**

Kaupae Level	2
Whiwhinga Credit	4
Whāinga Purpose	<p>This skill standard is for people considering or beginning work in the crane industry in Aotearoa New Zealand.</p> <p>People with this skill standard have the skills necessary to work safely while on a crane site.</p> <p>This skill standard may contribute to New Zealand qualifications and/ or credentials designed for crane operation environments.</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

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1. Explain the different types of cranes and lifting equipment for crane operations.	a. The purpose and key components of different types of cranes are explained in terms of how they are used in crane operations.
	b. The basic mechanics of crane operations are explained in line with the crane operation manual and task requirements.
2. Maintain industry standards and behaviour while on a crane site.	a. Site safety practices are applied and behaviours are demonstrated that promote the safety of self and others.
	b. Professional behaviour is demonstrated during crane operations.
	c. Appropriate personal protective equipment is used throughout according to task requirements.
	d. Basic hand signals and communication methods are demonstrated.
	e. Basic knots and hitches are tied.
	f. The purpose of load charts, lift plans and load safety are described relative to a crane site operations.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria**Assessment specifications:**

Assessment may be completed in either a real or simulated work environment and candidates must have access to two-way radio communication devices. Candidates must be capable of identifying a range of different crane types and the reason for their use.

~~Communication methods refer to two-way radio use using a phonetic alphabet, figures and prowords.~~

Hand signals must include stop.

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~~Mechanics refers to pulley, lever, fulcrum, mechanical advantage and counterweight.~~

~~Purpose refers to the use for which the crane is most suitable.~~

Components include boom, jib, trolleys, tracks, wheels, outriggers, stabilisers, hook, cab, winch, and counterweight.

Types of cranes include crawler crane, gantry crane, mini crane, mobile crane, non-slewing articulated crane, tower crane and truck loader crane.

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Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Basic knowledge of cranes and lifting equipment using common industry terminology to include types, configurations, recommended uses, capabilities and performance ratings.
- Acknowledgement of significant costs involved in crane operations and equipment.
- Common environmental conditions that can impact crane operations such as weather considerations, other activities on site and traffic management requirements.
- Health and safety requirements for personnel during crane operations including examples of personal protective equipment, and motivation for safe practices.
- Knots and hitches include bowline, bowline-on-the-bight, clove hitch, double figure of 8, sheet bend and, running bowline.

Rauemi | Resources

- [Crane Safety Manual \(Version 4\)](#) – For Crane Operators and Dogmen, available from the ([Crane Association of New Zealand](#)).
- Health and Safety documents and safety operating procedures from crane companies.
- Worksafe A to Z Cranes, available from <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/cranes/>.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Waihanga Ara Rau Workforce Development Council
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