

## New Certification & License Requirements for the Operation of a Fixed (non-rotating) Telehandler

**Recent rule changes effect the operation of fixed (non-rotating) telehandlers.**

### Certified Operator Required

Beginning November 7, 2024, the operator of a fixed telehandler must possess a [NCCCO](#) certification for the operation of a telehandler when the fixed telehandler is:

1. Used to move a suspended load; **or**
2. Configured with a hook attachment, jib attachment, concrete bucket attachment, or a vacuum or magnetic lifting attachment.

### Licensed Operator Required

When a fixed telehandler is *equipped with a hoisting mechanism* (that is, a hoist drum and rope reeving system used for lifting and lowering loads), the operator must be licensed as a New York City Class A, Class B, Class C (formally C-1), Limited Boom Truck (formally C-2), or Limited Telehandler Hoisting Machine Operator.

When the boom of the fixed telehandler – including jibs and other extensions to the boom – **exceeds 200 ft in length**, **or** when the manufacturer's rated capacity of the fixed telehandler **exceeds 50 tons**, the operator must be licensed as a New York City Class A or Class B Hoisting Machine Operator. Beginning November 7, 2024, this provision **will apply regardless** of if the fixed telehandler is equipped with a hoisting mechanism or not.

### Exemptions

Even when a fixed telehandler is configured or operated in such a way that it meets one of the certification or licensing requirements above, a NCCCO certification or HMO license is not required for:

- Work that occurs in an industrial or commercial plant or yard, or on a ship or barge.
- Excavation equipment, high reach demolition equipment, tree trimming equipment, and aerial work platforms – this includes fixed telehandlers when configured as an excavator, demolition grapple, tree trimmer, or aerial work platform.
- Fixed telehandlers that have a manufacturer's rated capacity of 1 ton or less.

See [NYC Administrative Code §28-405.1](#), NYC Building Code [Sections 3316.1 and 3319.1](#) and [1 RCNY 3319-01\(i\)\(1\)](#) for exemption details. The above-mentioned exemptions will only apply when the device and operation complies with all the parameters of the exemption.

### Forks

The lifting of loads on the forks of a fixed telehandler does not require the operator to possess a NCCCO certification or HMO license, provided:

1. The boom of the fixed telehandler, including jibs and attachments, does not exceed 200 ft in length; and
2. The manufacturer's rated capacity of the fixed telehandler does not exceed 50 tons; and
3. The fixed telehandler is not equipped with a hoisting mechanism; and
4. The load is not suspended from the telehandler. See the service notice regarding the [prohibition against lifting loads suspended from a fork](#).

For more information, please review the [recent amendments](#) to 1 RCNY 104-09 of the Rules of the City of New York.