

FACTSHEET ON SPECIALISED TRAINING COURSE TO RAISE COMPETENCY OF MINI CRANE OPERATORS

Background

Mini cranes are mobile cranes with safe working load not more than 5 tonnes. They are usually smaller in size, less complex, designed to lift significantly lighter loads and generally have a lower risk as compared to typical mobile cranes. To raise the competency of mini crane operators, a specialised training course for mini cranes will be made available in the first quarter of 2016.

Specialised Training Course to Raise Competency of Mini Crane Operators

2 The specialised training will enable them to operate mini cranes in a safe and efficient manner. With the specialised training, mini crane operators will no longer be required to hold a mobile crane license from 1 January 2016. Instead, they will be required to attend the specialised training course for mini cranes recognised by the Commissioner for WSH.

3 The changes in requirements are summarised in Table 1 below.

Operators of mobile cranes with Safe Working Load	Current Requirements	From 1 January 2016
Not exceeding 5 tonnes (mini cranes)	Holds a valid mobile or crawler crane operator <u>licence</u>	Holds a <u>certificate</u> following the successfully completion of a training course acceptable to the Commissioner for WSH for the operation of mini cranes, or holds a valid mobile or crawler crane operator <u>licence</u>
Exceeding 5 tonnes	Holds a valid mobile or crawler crane operator <u>licence</u>	Holds a valid mobile or crawler crane operator <u>licence</u> (<i>no change</i>)