Procedure for Excavating/Special Equipment Operator Ticket Upgrade

1. Request application packet from Local Union 55.
2. Meet required qualifications for entry into operator program.
3. Complete LU55/Missouri Valley Application and have contractor sign off on entry form.
4. Return Application to LU55, after LU55 signs off on entry form, Mo.Valley will contact you to schedule a three day orientation class.
5. After you receive a start date from Mo.Valley, you may pay one month's dues to upgrade your ticket to Operator Trainee I
6. Complete requirements for Operator Trainee I and make a request to Mo.Valley to verify hours and completed books. Mo.Valley will notify LU55, pay one month's dues to upgrade ticket to Operator Trainee II.
7. Complete all required Mo.Valley training/hours and pass required testing.
8. If needed Complete additional hour requirements for LU55 Special Equipment/Excavating Operator.
9. Make appointment to see Local 55 Examining Board for review and upgrade to EO. or SEO.

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Mo Valley Op program

After submitting their application to 55, MV will call Trainee's to schedule a three day orientation class.

Trainee's will do the OSHA 10 ET&D, First Aid / CPR, and complete the orientation book during the three days and will get all their books at that time.

The books are in print form.

All the exams are on paper and are done at MV.

MV will schedule their classes in three month intervals.

Trainees can test on as many books as they feel comfortable during their regularly scheduled class.

The book tests have to be taken in order and must pass one before testing on the next book.

Once all the books are complete Trainees are not required to attend any additional classes and then when the hour requirement has been met, they can schedule the final exam.

For Trainee's that already have the required hours, after the books are complete, they can move to the final exam.

IBEW LU 55 Requirements for Operator Training Program

There are two classifications in the LU55 Operator Trainee program, Excavating Operator which requires a total of 1300 hours actual operating experience(cranes optional), with minimum hours on each piece of equipment listed on the back of this page (indicated with no asterisk). Special Equipment Operator requires 2155 hours actual operating experience, with minimum hours on each piece of equipment (including those with asterisks) listed on the back of this page.

The Missouri Valley Operator Program is part of the LU 55 Operator Program, all rules and regulations of the Missouri Valley Operator Program are part of the Local 55 Operator Program. Hours of the LU 55 and Missouri Valley Operator Programs will run concurrently.

The following requirements must be meet before a Training Agreement can be signed:

- applicant must have a class "A" CDL (manual transmission) with air brakes.

-applicant must have at least one year in the trade or related experience.

-applicant must be recommended by a contractor and the union to enter the Operator Program.

Once the requirements listed above are meet and a Training Agreement has been signed, the Trainee must successfully complete the following requirements:

An **Operator Trainee I** Will Complete half of the required hours of the LU 55 Program, either Excavating (650hrs) or Special Equipment Operator (1,077) and books one through four of the Missouri Valley program.

An **Operator Trainee II** Will Complete all required hours of the LU 55 Program (either Excavating or Special Equipment Operator), complete all required books of the Missouri Valley program, pass the EICA crane course(crane optional for Excavating OP) and the final exam given by Missouri Valley.

After successfully completing all requirements of the Operator Trainee program, the Examining board will review the Trainee's records and issue the appropriate Operator classification.

Cranes (150hrs* Man Basket / overhead only)	350/500*
Tractor Trailer	100
Low drill/Texoma/Williams Digger (or Equivalent)	150
Digger Derek/ Boom Truck	250
Back/Track Hoes	250
Trenchers/Mini Excavators	200
Dozers	100*
Bucket Truck (Ground Controls)	5*
Tension String Equipment	300*
Hours setting through hot wires or adjacent to	300*

It is recommended that all Trainee's fill out and maintain a daily log book.

Examining Board Reserves the right to modify qualifications on a case by case basis.

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IBEW Local 55

Operator Upgrade Program

IBEW Letter of Recommendation / Applicant Information

This applicant has been recommended to enter the IBEW Local 55 / Missouri Valley Operator Upgrade Program

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Contractor: _____

Sponsoring Contractor

Contractor: _____ Address: _____

Contractor Representative: _____ _____
Print Sign

Representative Title: _____ Date: _____

Sponsoring Union

L.U. Representative: _____ _____
Print Sign

Representative Title: _____ Date: _____

Previous Operating Experience

This section is to be filled out by the union member who is requesting to enter the Operator Upgrade Training Program. When this form has been filled out by the required specified people, return it to the Union office

Equipment Type	Hours	Equipment Type	Hours
Cranes > 21 tons		Trencher / Mini - Excavator	
Cranes < 21 tons		Bucket Truck	
Tractor / Trailer		Tension/Stringing Equipment - Overhead	
Low Drill, Williams Digger, Texoma etc.		Tension/Stringing Equipment - Underground	
Digger Derrick / Boom Truck		Hours adjacent to energized (primary) facilities	
Back hoe / Excavator		Hours setting pole adjacent to or through energized circuits	

Crane Certification

Type: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Other Equipment

Equipment Type	Hours	Equipment Type	Hours

Recommendations

Foreman and employees recommending applicant to enter Operator Upgrade Program should fill out and sign below

1. Name _____ LU # _____ Classification _____

Signature _____

2. Name _____ LU # _____ Classification _____

Signature _____

3. Name _____ LU # _____ Classification _____

Signature _____

4. Name _____ LU # _____ Classification _____

Signature _____

5. Name _____ LU # _____ Classification _____

Signature _____

6. Name _____ LU # _____ Classification _____

Signature _____

MISSOURI VALLEY
South Dakota North Dakota Nebraska
Minnesota Missouri Wisconsin Iowa
JATC

Operator Upgrade Application

Requirements

A copy of your valid **Class A CDL with a manual transmission and air brake endorsement along with a copy of your valid DOT physical medical card** must accompany this application. Also, the IBEW Letter of Recommendation / Applicant Information form must be completed and sent with this application

Instructions

Complete the following:

1. Completely fill out Missouri Valley application form, check upgrade type
2. Completely fill out IBEW Letter of Recommendation / Applicant Information form
   - This includes all sponsoring Union and Contractor representatives
3. Make a copy of front and back of CDL
4. Make a copy of DOT Physical Certification
5. Send all copies to: Local Union 55 1435 NE 54TH Ave Des Moines, IA 50313 or Fax (515-265-6194) or email ibew55@ibew55.org
6. Local Union will forward completed paperwork to Missouri Valley JATC

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____ Local Union: _____

Underground: _____ Overhead: _____ Both: _____

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

_____
City *State* *ZIP Code*

Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #.: _____

Current Employer: _____ Job Title _____ From: _____ To: _____

Foreman's Name _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

General Foreman's Name _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Brief explanation of work: _____

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to participate in the IBEW Local Union 55 Operator Training Program

THE UNDERSIGNED:

1. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE IBEW Local Union 55, its officers, and employees participating with IBEW Local Union 55 Operator Training Program for the purpose herein referred to as "releases" and releases from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representative, assigns, heirs and next of kin for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise while the undersigned is participating in the IBEW Local Union 55 Operator Training Program.

2. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releases and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost (including attorney's fees) they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned participating in the program and whether caused by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise.

3. THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER agrees that while participating, he or she will not be under the influence of alcohol or any substance which affects the ability to participate in the program.

4. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releases or otherwise while participating.
THE UNDERSIGNED expresses, acknowledges and agrees that the activities of the program could be dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury. THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agree that the foregoing release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the state in which it is operated in and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Signature of participant Date

Printed name of participant