

STEP 1: EXAM GUIDELINES

To obtain a Special Rigger license, you **must** meet the following qualifications:

- Be at least eighteen (18) years old;
- Be able to read and write the English language;
- Be fit to perform the work authorized by the particular license;
- Have at least one (1) year of practical experience in the hoisting and rigging business within three (3) years prior to application;
- Have satisfactorily completed a Department-approved thirty (30) hour training course;
- Have knowledge of and be able to explain the risks of such work and necessary safety precautions that **must** be taken.

NOTE: Please see the full text of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code for all the qualifications requirements

STEP 2: APPLYING FOR THE EXAM

You **must** complete a practical exam in order to become a Special Rigger. First, complete the practical exam application ([LIC42](#)), check the box that indicates you are a Special Rigger candidate and submit the application with the \$350.00 fee, **payable by money order only**, to:

NYC Department of Buildings
Licensing & Exams Unit – Attn. Exams
280 Broadway, 1st Floor
New York, NY 10007

STEP 3: SCHEDULING YOUR EXAM

After submitting your exam application, next you **must** schedule your exam.

- If your application is accepted, you will receive an email from the exam administrator in three (3) to four (4) weeks with instructions on how to schedule your exam. Exams are given at several locations in the State.
- The practical exam assesses your knowledge of the rules and regulations governing hoisting and rigging in New York City, weights of various materials to be hoisted, knowledge of safety measures, accident prevention and related matter and your ability to perform rigging operations. You will **not** be allowed to use reference materials during the exam.
- If you pass the practical exam, you will receive a letter via US Mail by CPS approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks after the date of the practical exam.

STEP 4: BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

To become a Special Rigger, you **must** also pass a background investigation by submitting the documents listed below, in-person and **by appointment only** to the:

NYC Department of Buildings
Licensing & Exams Unit
280 Broadway, 1st floor
New York, NY 10007

You **must** bring the following documentation with you to your appointment:

- Examination Score Report
- [LIC2 License Application](#)
- Typed [LIC34: Licensing Supplemental Affidavit](#), if applicable
- [LIC51](#) application

NOTE: Applicants may fill out the [LIC51](#) Voluntary Authorization for Service of Process by Email even if they would like to receive Notices of Violation (NOV)/Summonses via email.

- [Supplemental Investigation Questionnaire](#)
- Notarized [Background Investigation Questionnaire](#)
- [Experience Verification Forms](#) from all supervisors for the years you are claiming as experience

NOTE: The Experience Verification Forms from company Human Resources will not be accepted.

- [Social Security History of Earnings](#) for the years you are claiming as experience. This is **NOT** the Social Security Statement.

NOTE: There is a fee charged by the Social Security Administration for this service. You must request the report to be run by 'company name.' You may request the information by mail or in-person (ordinarily you can receive this instantly in person). Visit (<http://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.html>) for more information.

- Photo ID (driver's license, learner's permit, State ID, green card, or passport)
- Original Social Security Card
- 30 hour [Department-approved Course Certificate](#)
- [LIC61 Form](#), **must** be completed by a physician within 90 days prior to the appointment date
- Typed and notarized letter from the Licensee listing the name, address and telephone number of the laboratory that performed the substance abuse test and a statement giving consent for the laboratory to the release such information to the Department
- Substance Abuse Attestation Form (this will be provided at the Department)
- Original birth certificate, current passport or green card
- Proof of Residence (utility bill, bank statement, lease or deed) or a typed notarized letter and bill from the person you are residing with

NOTE: Cell phone bills will not be accepted.

- Latest pay stub or W-2
- [Child Support Certification Form](#)
- \$500.00 background investigation fee

NOTE: For questions pertaining to your background investigation or to find out the status, please send inquiries to lbackgrounds@buildings.nyc.gov.

STEP 5: OBTAINING THE LICENSE CARD

Once you have passed the practical exam and the background investigation, you need to obtain your Special Rigger license card.

- If you pass the practical exam and the background investigation, you will be notified in writing by the Department's Licensing & Exams Unit that you are eligible for a Special Rigger license.
- If you are approved for the license you are required to be an officer, partner or sole proprietor of a business/company, and the business must have a place of business in New York City that complies with all Zoning Code regulations (i.e. within a commercial zone)
- All applicants will be required to submit insurance certificates for General Liability, Worker's Compensation and Disability in order to obtain the license.
- You have one (1) year from the date of that letter to submit the required documents for your license. If you do not complete the process within one (1) year of the date on the letter, you will be required to retake the exam.
- You **must** make an appointment by calling the Licensing & Exams Unit at (212) 393-2259. All documents submitted **must be originals**; copies will not be accepted. Candidates without appointments will not be seen.

For more information, visit the Department website at www.nyc.gov/buildings.