

WAC 296-155-36321 Qualified operator. (1) **Operator qualifications.** The operator must be trained by an authorized instructor to be familiar with the provisions of this standard and the instructions provided by the manufacturer for operation and maintenance. The operator must also be capable of:

- (a) Reading and understanding the manufacturer's instruction manual.
- (b) Cleaning the tool correctly.
- (c) Recognizing any worn or damaged parts or defective operation.
- (d) Recognizing the number-color code system used in this standard to identify power load levels. In the event the operator is unable to distinguish the colors used, the operator must be given special instruction which will enable the operator to avoid error.
- (e) Using a tool correctly within the limitations of its use and demonstrate competence by operating the tool in the presence of the instructor.

(2) **Operator examination.** After training, the operator must substantiate competency by completing satisfactorily a written examination provided by the manufacturer of the tool.

(a) The operator's written examination must consist of questions to establish the operator's competence with respect to:

- (i) The requirements of this standard;
- (ii) The powder actuated fastening system; and
- (iii) The specific details of operation and maintenance of the tool(s) involved.

(b) The examination must provide a statement, attested to by the instructor, that the applicant can (or cannot) readily distinguish the colors used to identify power load levels (see WAC 296-155-36309).

(3) **Operator's card.** Each applicant who meets the requirements as set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this section must receive a qualified operator's card, issued and signed by both the instructor and applicant. While using the tool, the operator must carry this card.

(4) **Card features.** The qualified operator's card supplied by the manufacturer must be wallet size of approximately 6 x 9 cm (2-1/2 x 3-1/2 in), and the face of the card must bear text similar to that shown in Figure G-2.

(5) **Revocation notation.** There must be printed on the card a notation reading:

"Revocation of card - Failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations for safe operation of powder actuated fastening tools must be cause for the immediate revocation of this card."

QUALIFIED OPERATOR

..... Powder Actuated Tools Date.....
(MAKE)

Card No. Social Security No.

This certifies that

(NAME OF OPERATOR)

has received the prescribed training in the operation of powder actuated tools manufactured by

.....
(NAME OF MANUFACTURER)

Model(s)

Trained and issued by

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INSTRUCTOR)

I have received instruction in the safe operation and maintenance of powder actuated fastening tools of the makes and models specified and agree to conform to all rules and regulations governing that use

Date of Birth

.....
(SIGNATURE)

Figure G-2
Sample of Qualified Operator's Card

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