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This document is meant to supplement your research about the educational and certification requirements for working in Forklift Operation on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: The Forklift Operator License program at Forsyth Tech provides hands-on training and classroom instruction in accordance with **OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.178**. Students learn equipment operation, safety procedures, load handling, and workplace hazard awareness, culminating in an evaluation and certification valid for three years.

Licensure and Certification: While forklift licensure is not issued at the state level, OSHA-compliant certification is federally required for all operators of powered industrial trucks. This certification is recognized nationwide and in U.S. territories, though employers may require additional evaluations based on specific equipment or site conditions. Students should consult potential employers or local safety officers for any additional training requirements.

[**Forsyth Tech Website**](#)

[**Additional Resource \(1\)**](#)

[**Additional Resource \(2\)**](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Forklift Operators License are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Forklift Operators License licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa	✓	
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam	✓	
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	
New Jersey	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands	✓	
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico	✓	
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands	✓	
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	