



Equipment Operator Job Description

Duties: Disaster Recovery Jobs Program (DRJP) equipment operator work involves operating one or several types of power construction equipment, such as shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. Will include operation and control of equipment or systems and watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly. May be required to perform related work; other duties may be assigned.

Qualifications: HS diploma or GED and 6-12 months related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. Will regularly be required to: learn and follow safety regulations; take actions to avoid potential hazards or obstructions, such as utility lines, other equipment, other workers, or falling objects; adjust handwheels and depress pedals to control attachments, such as blades, buckets, scrapers, or swing booms; start engines, move throttles, switches, or levers, or depress pedals to operate machines, such as bulldozers, trench excavators, road graders, or backhoes; locate underground services, such as pipes or wires, prior to beginning work; monitor operations to ensure that health and safety standards are met; align machines, cutterheads, or depth gauge makers with reference stakes and guidelines or ground or position equipment, following hand signals of other workers; load and move dirt, rocks, equipment, or other materials, using trucks, crawler tractors, power cranes, shovels, graders, or related equipment; drive and maneuver equipment equipped with blades in successive passes over working areas to remove topsoil, vegetation, or rocks or to distribute and level earth or terrain; coordinate machine actions with other activities, positioning or moving loads in response to hand or audio signals from crew members.

Will regularly be required to stand; use hands to finger, handle or feel; talk or hear; and smell. Will frequently be required to walk, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl, and occasionally sit, reach with hands and arms and climb or balance. Must regularly lift and/or move up to 100 lbs. Specific vision abilities required include close, distance and color vision; depth perception, and ability to adjust focus. Will regularly be exposed to outside weather conditions and moving mechanical parts and vibration. Will occasionally be exposed to high, precarious places; fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals; and risk of electrical shock. The noise level is usually loud. The employee is required to follow all safety procedures as outlined in the safety manuals.

A drug test, physical and background check may be administered.