

Heavy Equipment Operators

**Tractor Loader Backhoe
Certificate of Qualification 636A
Excavator
Certificate of Qualification 636B
Dozer
Certificate of Qualification 636C**

"I am living my dream. My apprenticeship training gave me the skills and knowledge to work safely whether we are building roads, bridges, office towers or hospitals."

Heavy equipment operators operate heavy equipment used in the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, airports, gas and oil pipelines, tunnels, buildings and other structures, in surface mining and quarrying activities and in material handling work. They are employed by construction, pipeline and logging companies, and by heavy equipment contractors.

**Unionized
Journeyman
Wage Rate:
\$51.94/Hr***

***Based on the Greater
Toronto-Hamilton Area
wages, 2024**



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Interested in operating large machinery



Team player



Good hand-eye coordination

Entrance Requirements

- Attend info session
- Grade 12 Diploma
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Valid Ontario driver's licence
- Pre-Interview

Key Skills & Attributes

- Communication, reading, numeracy & problem-solving skills
- Ability to operate large machinery
- Ability to read prints, plans & grade
- Ability to calculate basic cuts and fills
- Good judgment
- Strong work ethic
- Flexibility

Apprenticeship Program

3000 hours of on-the-job training, supplemented by one 12-week block of in-class technical training.

Responsibilities

- Operate heavy equipment to excavate, move, load and grade earth, rock, gravel or other materials
- Operate computer-controlled equipment
- Conduct pre-operational and post-operational checks
- Operate two-way radios & other communication equipment
- Operating heavy equipment such as back-hoes and bulldozers to lift, move or place equipment or materials
- Inspecting, cleaning, lubricating and refilling equipment

Did You Know?

The 'caterpillar' style continuous track technology was invented in 1904 by American Benjamin Holt.

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