



OPERATING ENGINEER

What does an Operating Engineer do?

Operating Engineers operate heavy construction equipment such as cranes, bulldozers, pavers, trench excavators and many other kinds of equipment used in constructing buildings, dams, airports, and highways. They also work in the sand and gravel, cement, and asphalt industries. Operating Engineer apprentices can also become heavy equipment mechanics working on diesel engines, transmission, and electrical systems in state-of-the-art equipment.

Working conditions.

The work is outdoors and can depend on the weather. Severe weather can shutdown jobs, generally the equipment is not operated in snow or heavy rain. The average operator may work between 1200 and 1500 hours per year depending upon their job skills.

What are the programs specifics?

Length of program – 4 Years
6000 Hours of on-the-job training
Classroom instructions on Saturdays
Starting pay 60% of journeyman rate with increases every 1500 hours

What do I need to apply?

Must be at least 18 years' old
Must have a current driver's license
High school graduate or GED
Complete an oral interview
Complete a 6-week pre-apprenticeship program
Drug test

Where do I apply?

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