

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

NATURE OF WORK

This is skilled work in the operation of light and heavy trucks, and related automotive equipment.

Work involves responsibility for the skilled and safe operation of backhoes, front-end loaders, grinders, snow equipment and other automotive equipment for prompt performance of assignments according to established routines or special instructions received from a technical or an administrative supervisor. Employees may also perform manual labor, and duties sometimes include responsibility for supervising employees assigned to trucks as helpers. Work is reviewed by a technical or an administrative supervisor through personal inspection and observation for compliance with established work schedules and methods. This class is distinguished from classes of a lower level by the fact that employees in this class must spend a minimum of 50% of their working time operating equipment of the variety that constitutes placement in this class.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Drives various trucks carrying gravel, rocks, clay, dirt, timbers, planking, tile, water pipe, cement and other construction materials and equipment; operates asphalt distributor, spray equipment and other public works equipment.

Safely operates heavy and light-weight equipment including automotive equipment, backhoe, front-end loader, grinder and snow equipment.

Performs manual labor as required for job site completion.

Performs preventative maintenance such as checking oil level, fueling and inspecting tires; reports malfunctions to immediate supervisor.

Operates equipment to perform established duties with the actual equipment operation constituting a minimum of 50% of an employee's work time.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of the operation and maintenance characteristics of basic trucks such as dump, flatbed and stake.

Considerable knowledge of the operation and maintenance characteristics of backhoes, grinders, snow equipment, loaders and other types of construction equipment.

Considerable knowledge of operating hazards and of applicable safety rules and precautions.

Knowledge of traffic laws, ordinances and rules involved in equipment operation.

Ability to make minor field repairs and adjustments to service automotive equipment.

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers and the general public.

Skill in the operation of light and heavy trucks, including other automotive equipment.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a senior high school or equivalent and experience in the operation of trucks and construction equipment heavier than pleasure vehicles or pickup trucks and experience in general construction activities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a junior high school or equivalent and some experience in the operation of trucks and construction equipment heavier than pleasure vehicles or pickup trucks, and some experience in general construction activities; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

When operating equipment that falls under the Nebraska Commercial Driver's License (CDL) status, the employee is required to possess and maintain the proper license and endorsement.

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