

SENIOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR*Class Definition*

Under general supervision, operates various types of construction, agricultural, and related equipment and provides lead direction to other workers engaged in the operation of similar equipment.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Senior Heavy Equipment Operator is the advanced working/lead class in which incumbents operate various types of construction, agricultural, and related equipment for construction and maintenance activities and provide lead direction to other workers engaged in the operation of similar equipment. Incumbents may also direct the activities of a small crew in the performance of assigned duties. This class is distinguished from Heavy Equipment Operator in that incumbents of the latter do not provide lead direction on an on-going basis.

Typical Tasks

(This list is neither inclusive nor exclusive. Consequently, this information may not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Operates assigned equipment for construction and maintenance of streets, alleys, concrete improvements, drainage facilities, water distribution facilities, sanitary sewer systems, transfer stations, wastewater infiltration and reclamation facilities, and other City facilities.

Operates construction equipment, heavy tractors, and related equipment to perform a variety of maintenance tasks, such as, grading, making fills, and other work which involves the use of attached equipment and associated implements.

Estimates types and amounts of materials needed and initiates requests for materials.

Plans, organizes and oversees daily activities of crews operating equipment and related tasks.

Provides an accounting of tools, material, equipment and labor for each construction project, estimates time and materials required.

Ensures efficient use of resources and professional execution of projects.

Recommends and implements efficiency and productivity enhancements.

Provides lead direction to one or more crews as required.

Performs minor maintenance and service on assigned equipment.

Reports equipment malfunctions and requests maintenance service as needed.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills

Extensive knowledge of the care, use, and operation of construction, agricultural, and related equipment.

Knowledge of applicable safety rules and procedures.

Knowledge of traffic laws pertaining to the safe operation of trucks and equipment.

Knowledge of materials and methods used in the operation, construction and repair of public works facilities.

Ability to detect needed mechanical work and make necessary minor repairs and adjustments.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to work independently or as a member of a crew.

Ability to plan, lay out, organize, assign, train, and provide lead direction for the work of one or more crews.

Ability to accurately estimate time and materials requirements.

Ability to keep accurate records and prepare written reports.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

Skill in the safe operation of construction, agricultural, and related equipment.

Minimum Qualifications

Four years of experience in the operation of construction, agricultural and related equipment with complex operating requirements.

Special Requirement

Depending upon assignment, must possess a valid Class A or Class B California Driver's License at time of application and maintain the appropriate license for the entire term of employment in this class.

Recruitments may be limited to a specific area of experience, as required by operational needs.

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