

LTC14

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

NATURE OF WORK

This is skilled work in the operation of heavy duty automotive, construction, and street maintenance equipment.

Work involves the operation of bulldozers, motorgraders, backhoes, flushers, sweepers, chippers, large trucks, and similar equipment requiring technical training or supervised on the job training. Operation of a variety of such equipment is the predominate task of this class although other work may be performed. Operator is responsible for daily preventive maintenance of equipment.

Assignments may be received in the form of specific orders or general instructions depending on the assignment. Work may be performed without direct supervision after instructions are received. Supervision may be exercised over a small group of laborers. Work is reviewed in progress and upon completion for conformance to established policies and procedures, and for accomplishment of desired results.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

(Any one position of this class may not include all duties listed, nor do listed examples include all duties which may be found in positions of this class.)

May operate a backhoe digging sewer ditches and holes for a variety of purposes including: water and sewer line repair or construction, drainage ditch maintenance, street repairs, etc.

May operate a motor grader in grading and shaping streets, shoulders, and ditches.

May operate a front end loader in loading asphalt, gravel, sand, rock slag, slurry, and similar materials on trucks.

May operate a heavy truck with a low boy trailer in hauling heavy equipment; or a truck with a heavy winch.

May operate a dragline in digging and cleaning ditches; or a clamshell in digging footing and in lifting materials and objects.

Performs daily preventive maintenance and other higher echelon maintenance on variety of equipment.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Equipment Operator, continued

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of the occupational hazards involved in the work and the proper safety precautions for the safe performance of the job.

Knowledge of operating characteristics of assigned equipment and physical strength and agility sufficient to perform the work of the class.

Skill in the operation of assigned equipment and physical strength and agility sufficient to perform the work of the class.

Knowledge of the applicable traffic laws, ordinances, and regulations involved in the operation of assigned equipment.

Ability to make minor operating adjustments and to recognize operating deficiencies in assigned equipment.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations as necessitated by work assignments.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to write and read to properly complete necessary maintenance records on equipment and prepare work reports when required.

Ability and knowledge to perform preventive maintenance on variety of equipment.

Must have and maintain a valid commercial Mississippi vehicle operator's license.

DESIRABLE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Completion of the tenth school grade and/or completion of vocational school and one (1) year experience in the operation of assigned equipment with demonstrated ability to operate equipment properly and safely.