

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Operates heavy type automotive equipment for the Department of Public Works; this position differs from Equipment Operator II in that the work requires the most skill in operating heavier types of equipment. This work involves the operation of heavy type automotive equipment requiring considerable skill and manipulative ability due to the complexity of controls and nature of the work performed. Work frequently involves responsibility for moving heavy equipment and materials, and for the safety of personnel working in conjunction with or underneath equipment. Generally, the productivity of the entire operation being performed is dependent on the operational efficiency of this equipment. The work is performed in accordance with the general instructions of the work to be done, but operational decisions are determined by the operator. Supervision generally consists of job performance at the job site. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Operates heavy or automotive equipment for the Department of Public Works;
- Operates all types of snow plows for snow clearing operations, salting and sanding of roadways;
- Operates a power shovel, power grader, bucket loader and other types of heavy equipment used in the construction and maintenance of highways;
- Operates heavy equipment such as but not limited to a grader, excavator, power shovel, back-hoe, bulldozer, flatbed truck and crane in connection with the maintenance or construction of highways;
- Operates a hydraulic crane or excavator used to dig trenches, clean ditches, and place culverts;
- Operates a motor grader to cut grades, smooth road surfaces and place mix surface materials;
- Uses heavy equipment to clear stream beds of debris;
- Drives low boy for the moving of equipment when required;
- Hauls materials for road construction and stock piling of materials;
- Maintains equipment and makes routine repairs; lubricates, and oils moving parts; cleans and greases equipment;
- Operates a motor grader to cut grades, smooth road surfaces and place mix surface materials;
- Builds seasonal construction projects.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of a variety of heavy automotive equipment;
- Good knowledge of the component parts, and operating principles, and practices of heavy equipment;
- Skill in the operation of heavy automotive equipment;
- Ability to learn the geography of the area served;
- Ability to service various types of automotive equipment and to make minor running repairs;
- Ability to operate heavy automotive equipment in a safe and efficient manner;
- Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions;
- Ability to perform heavy labor for prolonged periods under adverse and climatic conditions;
- Mechanical aptitude;
- Dependability;

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER:

- A. Two (2) years of experience in the operation of specialized or heavy motor equipment requiring a Class B license or higher; *OR*,
- B. Two (2) years of experience in the operation of a truck requiring a Class B license to operate.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Possession of a CDL Class B license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at time of appointment and throughout employment;
- Successful completion of the requirements of the Albany County Department of Public Works Review Panel;
- *In the Albany County Department of Public Works only:* Eligibility for and possession of a CDL Class A License issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles within one (1) year of appointment to Equipment Operator III. Driver must also be able to operate a standard transmission; license cannot indicate an E restriction, or indicate any air brake restrictions.

Juris. Class: Non-Competitive (In County Service)

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Experience will be rated as follows: 0 - 20 hours worked per week = ½ time; 21+ hours worked per week = full time.

For positions in Albany County Government a background check may be performed. This may include, but is not limited to, verifying past employment and/or education history, credit history review, driving abstract review and/or criminal background investigation.