

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (OPEN PIT MINER)

ABOUT THIS JOB

Heavy Equipment Operators (Open Pit Miners) drive a wide range of heavy equipment used in the mining process such as tractor-trailer combinations, loaders, graders, excavators, dozers (up to and including D11), forklifts, mobile cranes, or large capacity shovels or trucks. An individual seeking a career in this field should be willing to work in all climates at irregular hours, enjoy physical activity outdoors and communicate effectively.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

- Check vehicles to ensure that mechanical, safety and emergency equipment is in good working order
- Maneuver trucks into loading or unloading positions following signals from loading crews, and check if vehicle and loading equipment are properly positioned
- Collect delivery instructions from appropriate sources verifying instructions and routes
- Maintain logs of working hours, or of vehicle service or repair status following applicable state and federal regulations
- Report vehicle defects, accidents, traffic violations or damage to the vehicles
- Secure cargo for transport using ropes, blocks, chains, binders or covers
- Drive trucks to weigh stations before and after loading, and along routes to document weights
- Drive trucks with capacities greater than three tons, including tractor-trailer combinations to transport and deliver materials
- Construct and maintain roads
- Inventory and inspect goods to be moved to determine quantities and conditions

PREPARATION AND TRAINING FOR THIS POSITION

A high school diploma or GED, in addition to a certificate from a vocational school or previous experience operating heavy equipment is required.



EDUCATION:

- * **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED**
- * **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PREFERRED**

