



**Average annual wage** 95 375,00\$

**Qualification generally required**

- Northern Heavy Equipment Operations
- Conduite d'engins de chantier
- Conduite de machinerie lourde en voirie forestière
- Conduite de grues
- Trucking

**Skills required**

- Focus on health and safety
- Autonomy
- Organizational skills
- Teamwork
- Long attention span

**Other requirements and assets**

- SSD or AESS
- Driver's licence, Class 1
- Driver's licence, Class 5
- Mechanical knowledge

**Occupation category** Construction, Exploitation

## Heavy equipment operator

**Alternative names** : Surface mining equipment operator

Heavy equipment operators operate various pieces of heavy equipment, such as loaders, graders, backhoes, excavators and dump trucks, mainly for construction and production work in open-pit mines and quarries and the handling of ore and materials. They can perform on-site tasks such as snow removal, earthmoving, road maintenance and grading, and fuel delivery. They perform preventive maintenance and routine repairs. They also carry out checks before using heavy equipment, clean and lubricate it, and fill the fuel tank. The operators of over-sized heavy equipment must establish visual markers, check their blind angles frequently as a matter of course because of

their limited field of vision, and develop the ability to hear instructions transmitted by radio on an ongoing basis.

### **Specific job conditions**

- The work is performed in all kinds of weather, sometimes harsh.
  - The work space is often restricted (vehicle cab) and the job involves sitting for long periods of time.
  - The work schedule is often irregular.
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