



Heavy Equipment Operators - Skilled

Cat Operator (Cat Skinner)

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| Job Description | Operates crawler-tractor equipped with large blades across the front for moving obstacles, clearing and leveling. Also operates rippers for tearing up terrain or operates platforms used by other workers. |
| Education/Certification | No formal education required but job readiness and safety training may be helpful. A certificate from the NWT Apprenticeship Board or Aurora College heavy equipment operator training (or similar training) would greatly benefit the applicant. |
| Experience | Experience determines the level of responsibility given. |
| Skills | Needs excellent physical condition, good vision, good eye and hand/foot coordination, mechanical ability and fast reflexes. |
| Salary Range | \$28 - \$35 an hour |
| Transferability | Found in a variety of industries, such as forestry, mining and road construction. |

Other heavy equipment operator jobs have similar requirements.

Below are listed the types of equipment needed for pipeline construction as well as construction and maintenance of facilities and temporary roads:

Boom* Trucks
 Front End Loaders
 Graders
 Mobile Cranes
 Pavers
 Power Shovels
 Scrapers
 Snow Makers
 Trench Excavators

* Booms are moveable arms used to hoist goods and materials on and off the truck

Note: These job descriptions represent positions frequently found in large pipeline projects. Appropriate education and experience will play a determining role when selecting candidates. Some positions may require extensive natural gas related expertise. Salaries and wages are based on 2001 data and may change according to market conditions.