

MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
(Westchester Joint Water Works)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Operates a backhoe and performs a variety of manual tasks in connection with such operations; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, the employee in this class performs recurring manual duties in connection with the operation of a backhoe and the digging of trenches. This title differs from the Motor Equipment Operator in other municipal jurisdictions in that this position is responsible solely for the operation of a backhoe which is exempt from the CDL requirement under Vehicle and Traffic Law. The backhoe is driven to the worksite and not transported by truck/trailer. The incumbent is responsible for the safe and economical operation and care of this equipment. Oversight of a small number of personnel may be a responsibility of this class.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Operates a backhoe exempt from the CDL requirement under Vehicle and Traffic Law;

Performs manual labor, such as assisting in the loading of trucks, digging trenches, cleaning culverts, etc.;

Makes minor repairs and assists in clearing automotive equipment;

Performs preventive maintenance on equipment such as lubrication, oil changes, etc.;

May oversee the work of laborers engaged in loading and unloading trucks, or in manual work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of the operation of non-commercial construction equipment, good knowledge of the safety standards of the trade; ability to understand and follow simple oral and written directions; ability to get along well with others; mechanical aptitude; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: None.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT: Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State, appropriate for the equipment being operated.