



A heavy equipment operator — excavator

A Heavy Equipment Operator – Excavator operates an excavator, its attachments and ground engaging equipment in various types of projects across multiple industries. They inspect, maintain, transport and operate this equipment and its attachments.

Could you operate large machinery? Can you work as part of a team on a busy job site? Do you have good communication skills? Can you listen and follow instructions? Do you have good judgment?



Most important essential skills

- numeracy
- working with others
- problem-solving



Hourly wage
from \$33.13 to \$58.31

Annual salary
from \$66,300 to \$92,625

Make up to 100K during your apprenticeship



You could work for the following industries:

- road construction and maintenance
 - mining
 - quarrying
 - land clearing, forestry, logging
 - gas or oil
- or one day have your OWN business!

Other related trades:

- Heavy equipment operator – tractor loader backhoe (636A)
- Heavy equipment operator – dozer (636C)



To become a heavy equipment operator – excavator, you could participate in an apprenticeship training program.

Start your apprenticeship now with OYAP!



- Non-compulsory trade
- Levels 1, 2
- 2,260 hours on the job
- 240 hours in-school training (approximately 1.5 years)

CODE 636B

Certifying Exam

Check out the specialized programs in your high school to explore the trades!