

Earthmoving Plant Operator

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Overview

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Day-to-day

- Preparing and positioning plant for operation
- Selecting, fitting and removing attachments such as buckets, winches, loading scoops, shovel blades and rock breaking hammers
- Operating controls to excavate, break, drill, level, compact, gouge out, move, load and spread earth, rock, rubble, soil and other materials
- Monitoring operation of plant and adjusting controls to regulate pressure, speed and flow of operation, and ensuring safety of other workers
- Raising, lowering and manipulating attachments using manual and hydraulic controls
- Working from drawings, markers and verbal instructions
- Servicing, lubricating, cleaning and refuelling plant and performing minor adjustments and repairs

To become an Earthmoving Plant Operator

You can work as an Earthmoving Plant Operator without formal qualifications but will require tickets or licences to operate specialised equipment such as backhoes, bulldozers, excavators or loaders. A certificate III in civil construction plant operations may be useful.

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