



Heavy Equipment Operators - Skilled

Cat Operator (Cat Skinner)

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.