

MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/WELDER
(Town of Somers)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Operates one or more types of automotive equipment, performs a variety of manual tasks in connection with such operations, and performs repair, welding and fabrication work; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, employees in this class perform recurring manual duties in connection with the operation of moderately complex motor equipment (i.e.: tractor, truck with power take off unit, power mower, snow loader, concrete mixer, snow plow, automobile or omnibus). In addition, the employee is responsible for the maintenance, repair, welding and fabrication of highway department vehicles. Assignments are performed under general supervision, and, in most instances, result from approved work orders or oral instructions. Incumbents are responsible for the safe and economical operation and care of their equipment. Oversight of a small group of personnel may be a responsibility of the position.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Operates a truck in connection with the collection of garbage, ashes, snow and in the transportation of sand, stone, gravel and supplies;

Operates a tractor or truck with power mower, trailer, snow loader, bulldozer, concrete mixer, stone crusher, or other attachment;

Operates a power grader, steam roller, snow plow, or power shovel;

Performs manual labor, such as loading trucks, erecting snow fences, and clearing roads, as appropriate;

May oversee the work of laborers engaged in loading and unloading trucks;

Performs duties involving welding and fabrication for the repair and rebuilding of automotive equipment;

Works with garage mechanic in the repair and maintenance of trucks and town vehicles;

Sharpens and maintains equipment utilized by road crews including chainsaws, wood chippers and other power equipment;

Prepares plows, sanders and trucks for painting though use of sandblasting machinery;

Prepares vehicles for inspection, recommending needed repairs and material needs for each job;

Performs work involving road repair and maintenance, i.e. pipe installation and blacktop application.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of the operation of trucks, tractors, and other automotive equipment; good knowledge of the tools, techniques, methods and materials associated with the welding trade; good knowledge of accident and safety precautions; a familiarity with steel and metal machine parts which may require welding and brazing or cutting and burning in their repair; ability to recognize and to recommend the need for repairs; ability to read blueprints, sketches, and drawings; ability to get along well with others; mechanical aptitude; good judgment; physical strength and agility; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either: (a) high school graduation or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, and three years of experience in welding work; or (b) graduation from a two year post high or trade school in mechanical/welding work and one year of experience in welding work; or (c) six years of experience in welding work under the supervision of a skilled machinist; or (d) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT: Possession of a valid New York State Commercial Driver's License, Class B, (CDLB). Depending on equipment to be operated, appropriate endorsements (i.e., air brakes, hazardous materials, passenger endorsements) may be required. Under New York State Law, applicants for the CDL must be 21 years old.