

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title Crane Operator

Job description

A crane operators' main role is to competently perform the following, including other specific requirements relevant to their strand.

- Sling regular loads safely using the correct equipment on a worksite.
- Communicate and collaborate with dogmen and the other crane operator(s) effectively using industry recognised methods during crane operations.
- Maintain personal safety on the worksite, and during crane operations.
- Identify hazards and work safely in and around a crane workplace.

Qualifications required

There are no mandatory qualifications required however there are minimum unit standard requirements.

General requirements

In terms of the personal requirements of the individual, they must have good maths skills, there is a compulsory drug testing that operators need to go through, they must be able to take instructions and be focused and switched on to the tasks at all times.

Training costs

N/A – Trainees are paid during their training.

Career path

The starting age is 16 years old as a general construction hand. Trainees then work their way up to become a Dogman, crane operator or both. Once they have achieved those qualifications, they will be able to work towards becoming a crane supervisory, a site supervisor and then a project supervisor.

Salary range

Crane operator who has recently started in the role: \$18 - \$20 an hour.
Crane operator with experience: \$26 - \$35 an hour.

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

To increase the chances of successfully entering this industry, candidates are recommended to have three years' secondary education, with subjects including Maths and English.

Gateway programmes offered to students from year 11 to 13 is also a good way to get started in the industry whilst still at school.

Other places to source information about this job

www.skills.org.nz

www.careers.govt.nz