

## CONSTRUCTION



# 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



### POTENTIAL EARNINGS

**Hourly wage**  
from \$26.00 to \$40.00

**Annual salary**  
from \$50,000 to \$78,000

**Make up to 100K during your apprenticeship**



### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**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!**



### IMPORTANT DETAILS

- **CODE 636B**
- Non-compulsory trade
- 2,260 hours on the job + 300 hours of in-school training (levels 1, 2)
- Total of 2,560 hours (approximately one and half years)
- Certifying exam

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

**Let OYAP be your helping hand!**

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