Plant Operator Job Description

A plant operator is responsible for ensuring the safe operation of plant and equipment used in construction and maintenance activities. They also ensure routine maintenance of this equipment.

Duties

A plant operator controls plant equipment such as loaders, drills, tractors, trucks, crushers, excavators, fork lifts, bulldozers and cranes. They handle materials and cargo used at the construction site. A plant operator also carries out preventive and routine maintenance of the plant and equipment at a construction site. They move and handle equipment at the project site while also carrying out safety checks on equipment daily.

Desirable skills

A plant operate should have the ability to

carry out routine maintenance of equipment

find out maintenance needs and operating errors on equipment

Identify the types of tools and equipment needed to carry out a particular project.

Be familiar with the standards and code of ethics of plant operation

Key Skills

 • Good fitness levels

• Good knowledge of building methods, materials, loads and equipment

• Good practical skills

• The ability to follow written and spoken instructions

• A good head for heights

• Good team working skills

• An understanding of on-site health and safety, environmental issues and respect for others