

CAREER

# PLANT OPERATOR

Plant operators are the backbone of construction projects. They expertly shift materials with heavy machinery, molding the construction surface to accommodate drainage, environmental controls and service installations.

## WHAT DOES THIS JOB INVOLVE?

### Machine operations

Operating heavy machinery and equipment

### Load handling

Handling and moving materials using machinery

### Surface shaping

Shaping the construction surface to the required standard

### Monitoring

Continuously monitoring equipment performance

### Troubleshooting

Diagnosing and resolving equipment issues

### Maintenance

Conducting routine maintenance on machines

### Safety protocols

Adhering to safety guidelines during operations

### Log keeping

Maintaining records of machine operation and maintenance

### Collaboration

Working with other team members on construction sites

## SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Low \$58,100

Median \$92,500

High \$174,700

## RECOMMENDED TRAINING

**PRE-TRADE PROGRAM (CERTIFICATE II IN WORKPLACE PREPARATION)**

**CERTIFICATE II IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION**

**CERTIFICATE III IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PLANT OPERATOR**

## HOW DO I GET INTO THIS CAREER?

To become a Civil Construction Plant Operator, you usually complete a traineeship. Entry requirements may vary, but employers generally require Year 10.