

## **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I**

### **PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK**

Work of this class involves operating a light tractor equipped with a gang mower, bush hog, or blade-type cutting attachment or a zero-turn mower; or operating other light automotive equipment such as a single-axle flatbed, crew, or dump truck. In addition to the safe and efficient operation of equipment, employees frequently participate in maintenance, repair, and minor construction activities. Routine or repetitive assignments are performed under general supervision. Special assignments are carried out under the close supervision of a supervisor.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK** (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Uses zero-turn mower or a tractor with auxiliary equipment used for cutting grass and weeds along streets and medians, in parks, and around plant facilities. Drives a single-axle flatbed, crew, or dump truck to haul workers and/or materials and equipment to the worksite. Performs laboring tasks in maintenance, repair, and minor construction work. Checks assigned equipment for observable mechanical malfunctions and either makes minor repairs or reports the problem to proper personnel. Checks air, gas, water, and oil levels; has equipment serviced. Cleans assigned equipment. May act as a relief operator on equipment of a higher class. Performs related work as required.

### **NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS**

Knowledge of the operations and maintenance of assigned equipment.  
Knowledge of the occupational hazards and necessary safety precautions for the safe operation of assigned equipment.  
Ability to do minor maintenance and repair, and to service assigned equipment.  
Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.  
Ability to perform heavy physical work.  
Ability to perform laboring tasks related to maintenance, repair, and minor construction work.  
Skill in the operation of assigned equipment.

### **DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

Ability to read and write, and some experience in the operation of trucks or equipment similar to those described herein; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

### **NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Possession of the appropriate class of driver's license as required by the State of Louisiana for the assigned equipment prior to hire.