

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

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Apply to CMTN

Visit Apply to CMTN (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmntn/>) for an Admissions Checklist and to apply online.

Our Educational Advisors (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/student-support/educational-advising/>) are here to help if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

Dates and locations

Intake	Location
TBA	Terrace Campus

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Indentured apprentices combine on-the-job training with formal classroom technical skills at CMTN to earn journeyman classification. Students receive provincial apprenticeship curriculum pertinent to the apprenticeship level in which they are enrolled.

The Heavy Equipment Operator Technician Apprentice program consists of 180 hours of training over five weeks, combining in-school training and work-based, in-the-field practical experience. Students will be on-site, operating heavy equipment and logging hours towards their apprenticeship requirements. To qualify for the program, students must first complete Road Builder Heavy Construction Foundation ([https://](https://nwcc.bc.ca/program/heavy-equipment-operator-foundation-training/)

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Notice to apprentices

If you are an unemployed apprentice or if your employer is anticipating a slow down in work consider taking your next two levels of technical training back-to-back. Trades learners are encouraged to enhance their employability by enrolling in Occupational First Aid (OFA) Level 1 and other Workforce & Industry training courses. OFA and Workforce & Industry training courses (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/discover/continuing-studies/>) are scheduled throughout the year at CMTN.

To be eligible for apprenticeship training you must be registered as an apprentice with the Industry Training Authority (ITA). To register or for more information about apprenticeships in British Columbia visit the Industry Training Authority (ITA) (<https://www.itabc.ca/>).

- Grade 12 recommended
- Successful completion of the Road Builder Heavy Construction Foundation Program or
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- Successfully pass the Industry Training Authority assessment exam or
- Have acceptable field experience signed for by their employer/sponsor and documented by their apprenticeship registration application
- Program requires that students must be minimum age 17 and be in good physical condition

Complete a CMTN Bursary Application (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/financial-aid/cmntn-awards-bursaries-scholarships/>) [PDF]

Contact WCTS for contract pricing.

Career opportunities

Over the next 5 years, BC will experience a shortage of approximately 2,670 heavy equipment operators, which means there will be approximately 534 openings per year. Industry is already experiencing severe shortages with grader, excavator, loader, dozer, and heavy articulate rock truck operators. Backhoe operators are currently experiencing a moderate shortage of operators. With the introduction of major infrastructure projects like the Gateway Project, these numbers are likely to become even greater over the next several years.

