

# Alaska Operating Engineers Apprenticeship

## APPRENTICESHIP AND ALASKA OPERATING ENGINEERS

The Alaska Operating Engineers Apprenticeship opportunity is the result of Labor and Management's commitment to the trade of Operating Engineers. The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302, along with the Associated General Contractors Alaska, administer the Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust (AOEETT).

Experience has demonstrated the most practical method of preparing workers for employment in skilled occupations is through a planned apprenticeship. This educational concept provides for training and employment under actual job conditions, supervised by skilled craftsmen and related training on a timely schedule. As you work in the trade your skill and understanding of the trade develops. Your trade experience and knowledge is reinforced with your participation in approved courses and related supplemental instruction.

The AOEETT offers skill upgrade classes for journeymen after your apprenticeship and throughout your career. This will help you to maintain a high level of skill and competence demanded by our trade.

### Training YOU



### Palmer Training Center



*Were you aware that the Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust offers apprenticeship in 3 trades?*

#### Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic

Heavy Equipment Mechanics repair and maintain many types of Earthmoving, Hoisting, and Paving equipment used in the trade throughout Alaska.

In addition Heavy Equipment Mechanic Apprentices work at power generation stations, gravel pits and shops.

#### Heavy Equipment Operators

Heavy Equipment Operators operate:

- Dozers, Loaders, Excavators, Motor Graders, Scraper, Articulated Trucks, Compactors and Rollers
- Concrete and Asphalt Pavers/Spreader, Concrete Mixers and Pump Trucks
- Side Booms, Bending and Cleaning Machines, Boring and Trenching machines
- Cranes, Forklifts, Derricks and Dredges, Hoists, Shovels, Clam Shells, and Pile Driving equipment
- Generators, Compressors, Pumps, Plants, (Asphalt, Concrete, Batch/Mixing, Crushing, Screening/Wash)

#### Heavy Duty Service Oilers

Heavy Duty Service Oilers lubricate all types of earthmoving equipment, from the largest crawler tractors down to the smallest pump and everything in between. The Service Oiler's job is the heartbeat of any construction project. They are the eyes and ears for the master mechanic.

Opportunities on the above listed equipment are dependent on the Alaska job market.

*for a future in Alaska's construction industry.*

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Local 302



Alaska Chapter

## INDENTURED APPRENTICESHIP

What does it mean to be indentured? Indenture is defined as a contract binding a person to work for another for a given length of time.

As an Operating Engineer apprentice you are indentured to the Training Trust (AOEETT). An apprentice signs an agreement binding him or her to the rules and regulations of the Training Trust.

**Length of Apprenticeship:** An apprentice operator or mechanic is required to work 6,000 hours on the job, and service oilers 4,000 hours. It takes 4-6 years to complete the program.

**Wages:** Apprentices receive a percentage of journeymen wage, starting at 60% and progressing to 100% throughout their 4,000 or 6,000 hour program. During this time, the apprentice must attend job related training and instruction consisting of a minimum of 640 unpaid hours. These hours are in addition to on the job training.

Apprentices are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, ethical, and moral manner, realizing much time, money and effort is spent to afford them an opportunity to become a skilled worker.



## CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH OPERATING ENGINEERS WORK

A career in the Operating Engineers affords an individual the possibility of an interesting vocation as well as excellent wages and fringe benefits.



While a career as an Operating Engineer can be exciting and rewarding, there are other things to consider before applying to the apprenticeship program.

Because of Alaska's short construction season, an Operating Engineer can expect to work long hours (60-80 hours/week). As an Operating Engineer it is common to work away from home. This means you may have to stay at a camp or in some cases find your own lodging.

Apprentices should expect to be transferred from employer to employer to ensure proper training.

This is a trade that takes you outside in all kinds of weather, requiring that you often work under adverse and sometimes hazardous conditions. If these are conditions you are willing and able to work under we welcome you to apply.

## HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Applications will be available once a year in the fall. Please visit our website ([www.aoeett.org](http://www.aoeett.org)) or contact our nearest office for details.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Before you apply, you should determine if you meet the minimum qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age by application deadline.
- Must have high school diploma or certified equivalency (GED).
- Must have valid drivers license (no DUIs in the past 3 years).

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required along with the apprenticeship application; if any items are missing or incomplete, your application will not be considered:

1. Copy of birth certificate.
2. Copy of high school diploma or GED certificate.
3. High school transcript or GED grades.
4. Copy of social security card.
5. Copy of DD214 (if veteran).
6. Copy of valid driver's license (must be Alaska driver's license by start of training). Applicants living in rural Alaska (without road system), please contact our office.
7. Background check with State Troopers office.
8. 3 year DMV record (showing no DUIs in the last 3 years).
9. Copies of score reports from Work Keys tests: Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, Locating Information with a score of 4 or higher on each test.
10. Optional/recommended: trade school certificates, college transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.

### IF SELECTED...

- Apprentices must be able to pass preindenture and random drug testing.
- Apprentices are required to have CDL written tests completed and medical card upon arrival for training.
- Mechanics and Service Oilers must be able to obtain Hazmat endorsement- background check required.
- Mechanics and Service Oilers are required to have the minimum necessary tools (based on the list provided) upon arrival for training.

## OUR OFFICE LOCATIONS



### 4001 Denali St., Suite B

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### 3002 Lathrop Street

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### 1415 Local 302 Road

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*All applications will be considered without unlawful regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood.*