

Summary of Duties: Operates light wheeled tractors or skidloaders with attached gang mowers, discs, and loaders, and operates other types of small equipment, including light tracked equipment in some assignments for landscaping and routine maintenance work; makes adjustments and minor running repairs to equipment and operates trucks and trailers as an incidental duty; performs a variety of maintenance and labor tasks manually and/or with hand and power tools; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features: A Light Equipment Operator primarily uses light wheeled tractors to do a wide variety of routine maintenance work of limited difficulty at City parks, reservoirs, golf courses, and other areas where there are few other moving vehicles. An employee of this class may clean parking lots and City owned private streets with small motor sweepers and may operate light track-laying tractors in routine weed clearing and aqueduct cleaning. A Light Equipment Operator receives assignments in the form of clearly defined routes, monthly or seasonal duties, or once-only duties. Work sites are periodically inspected by supervisors for satisfactory completion of assignments. Since a Light Equipment Operator often works alone, the proper use of equipment and the prevention of damage to property are the responsibility of an employee of this class.

A Light Equipment Operator does not work at construction or refuse disposal sites, does not work to line and grade, and usually does not work in rough or hilly terrain except as required on some reservoir properties. Skill in operating heavy track-laying or wheeled equipment is not required. A Light Equipment Operator is distinguished from an Equipment Operator in that the latter routinely operates heavier wheeled or track-laying bulldozers, graders, rollers, back hoes, loaders of one-half cubic yard or larger capacity and other equipment, such as guided hoists, yard cranes of less than 10-tons rated capacity, and vehicle-mounted rotating, hydraulic-boom hoists. In addition, an Equipment Operator performs work requiring greater skills, working to surveyed line and grade, or uses equipment under such adverse conditions as working on streets with heavy traffic or working in rough and hilly terrain.

Examples of Duties: Operates a Tractor-C with a variety of rear-attached equipment such as gang mowers, hammer knives, discs, rakes, drags, augers, aerifiers and carry-alls to perform mowing, cutting, raking, digging, turf management, dragging baseball diamonds, and landscaping duties in park areas, golf courses, play areas, reservoirs and other areas; operates a skidloader using the front bucket attachment to dig, grade, load or perform landscaping duties; operates a skidloader using a rear-attached fresno to do landscaping, rough and finish grading, and cutting and scraping baseball diamonds; operates a small utility truck with a backhoe attached to excavate trenches for City street repairs; keeps records of work completed, time taken and unusual situations encountered and makes written and oral reports.

Cleans, services, lubricates, and makes minor repairs and adjustments to equipment; may paint equipment and change tires; may operate small track-laying tractors with commonly used mechanical attachments or to tow small equipment for maintenance work of limited difficulty at nurseries, aqueduct and reservoir properties, and other areas; may clean parking lots and sidewalks with small motor sweepers; may operate gasoline-powered stumpcutter in parkway maintenance; may operate a small roller in small-scale street patching work; may drive a truck of less than 28,000 pounds rated gross vehicle weight to and from dumps, stock piles, or other locations, or to pull assigned equipment between job sites part of the time when not operating equipment; may do manual labor in hand cleaning areas not reached by equipment; may act as a lead supervisor in a small maintenance crew, and may occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications: A working knowledge of the use, operation, and maintenance of light wheel tractors and attachments commonly used with them such as gang mowers, discs, light grader blades, and small front-end loaders; a working knowledge of the provisions of the California Motor Vehicle Code regulating the operation of light equipment and trucks on public streets; a general knowledge of the safety precautions required to protect other workers and the public while operating equipment; the ability to use and operate light wheel tractors equipped with usual attachments; the ability to make running repairs and adjustments to assigned equipment; the ability to understand written and oral instructions; the ability to lay out and complete specific assignments without immediate supervision; the ability to operate light trucks; and the ability to keep routine records.

Six months of full-time paid experience in the operation of light, gasoline-powered wheel tractors. Experience gained in an on-the-job training capacity while a City employee may be acceptable.

A certificate of satisfactory completion for both the Los Angeles Board of Education courses, Light Equipment Operator I and II, may be substituted for the above experience. A certificate of satisfactory completion for the Los Angeles Board of Education course, Light Equipment Operator I, may be substituted for three months of the above experience.

License: A valid Equipment Operator's license issued by the Los Angeles City Department of Building and Safety with a Rubber-tired Tractor "C" endorsement, and a valid California driver's license are required prior to appointment.

Physical Requirements: Strength to perform average lifting up to 35 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; arm, hand, and finger dexterity with both hands involved in activities such as reaching, handling, and feeling; and good eyesight.

Persons with medical limitations may, with reasonable accommodations, be capable of performing the duties of some of the positions in this class. Such determination must be made on an individual basis in light of the person's limitations, the requirements of the position, and the appointing authority's ability to effect reasonable accommodations to the person's limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.

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