

## Saskatoon Heavy Equipment Training School

Saskatoon Heavy Equipment Training School - HEO or also known as the heavy equipment operator courses would provide you with the skills and knowledge needed so as to enter the workforce as an entry level heavy machine operator. In this 12 week course plus a practicum, you would focus on jobsite fundamentals like for instance: health, environmental and safety awareness and training, machine operation and maintenance, and application of earth moving techniques in hands-on conditions.

Operator training will help those work with their chosen heavy machinery like for example a loader, a compactor, a grader, a dozer and an excavator. The needed skills which an operator would need to work with heavy equipment includes: good problem solving skills, excellent oral communication skills, physical strength and stamina, good spatial ability and good vision, the ability to work well with others in a team or alone and good manual dexterity along with good eye-hand coordination.

Some technical skills are also necessary. These are having a general mechanical ability, being able to operate equipment and power tools, knowledge of safe working procedures, the ability to follow technical specifications, grade plans and read directions, the ability to make mathematical calculations and basic measurements, and the ability to perform basic mechanical repairs and maintenance.