# What is an OPERATING ENGINEER?

Operating Engineers work as light and heavy equipment operators, crane operators, mechanics and welders in the construction, road building, paving, mining, marine, pipeline, oil and gas industries.

### **OPERATING ENGINEERS**

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115 represents over 11,500 members in British Columbia and the Yukon. We are a construction craft union that supplies highly skilled equipment operators, mechanics and welders to the jobsite.

IUOE Local 115 has partnered with over 400 employers and continues to strive for excellence in safety, training and the development of the workforce that is required to meet the demands of current and future projects.

IUOE Local 115 has helped each of its thousands of members build better futures for themselves and their families. We would like to talk to you about how we can do the same for you and your family.





## TRAINING TO BECOME AN OPERATING ENGINEER



#### APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

The Operating Engineers Training Association is a designated training provider by the Industry Training Authority and offers apprenticeships in the following programs:

- Asphalt Paving/Laydown Technician
- Commercial Transport Mechanics
- Diesel Engine Mechanics
- Heavy Duty Mechanics
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Mobile Crane Operator
- Plant Operator
- Road Building & Heavy Construction Foundation Program
- Welder



- Minimum Grade 10 Recommended
- Successful Completion of Trades Assessment Exam
- Valid Drivers License

### **SKILLS & ABILITIES**

To be successful, Operating Engineers need:

- excellent hand-eye coordination and depth perception
- good concentration and stamina
- a safety-conscious attitude
- the ability to work outdoors and/or at heights
- mechanical aptitude and manual dexterity
- to be a team player
- to be strong communicators
- a strong work ethic, reliability and good attitude





