

Heavy Equipment/Forklift Operator

Description

A heavy equipment or forklift operator is responsible for the loading and unloading of goods. They pull and stage orders for delivery with extreme accuracy. Furthermore, they ensure the product is transported from storage or receiving areas in a manner consistent with safety, quality, and production goals.

Education/Training Requirements

- High School Diploma (required)
- Forklift certification (required)

Recommended High School Coursework

- Agriculture Education
- Diesel Mechanics
- Mathematics

Common Responsibilities

- Pull and stage orders for delivery with extreme accuracy
- Load and unload trucks with designated products
- Unload incoming products and materials
- Ensure specification and quantity of orders are correct
- Close and seal trucks to secure loads
- Ensure product is transported meeting safety, quality and production goals
- Verify stock and identify losses
- Keep inventory of goods loaded and record and sign tallies
- Remove, weigh, stretch wrap and record finished pallets
- Provide commodities to production lines
- Maintain a clean and safe working area around loading area
- Sample products and notify supervisor of any irregularities
- Process reports and/or materials
- Perform minor repair works as required for efficient loading operations

Typical Employers

Heavy equipment or forklift operators may work for any agricultural business or organization that regularly transports and receives goods.

Additional Resources

[Industrial Truck Association](#)

[Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association](#)

[The Forklift Truck Association](#)