

## **MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is primarily skilled work in the operation of trucks, including those over 26,000 lbs. GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating), as well as other motorized equipment. The work also includes laboring duties related to the use of the vehicles, such as loading, unloading, minor maintenance, etc. When such work is not available, employees in this class perform routine unskilled or semiskilled laboring duties. The work is distinguished from Motor Equipment Operator I (MEO I) and Motor Equipment Operator II (MEO II) by the size and kind of vehicles/equipment regularly required to be operated. Additionally, while an MEO II may tow vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or more on a limited basis such as "dump trailers" and blacktop rollers with hydraulic wheels, if appropriately licensed, a Motor Equipment Operator III (MEO III) may regularly operate a tractor-trailer combination as well as other heavy-duty equipment as described below. (An MEO II and a MEO III require different classes of commercial driver's licensure in accordance with New York State driver licensing standards.) Supervision is received from a higher-level position. During periods of emergency, employees in this class may be required to work at other than normal working hours. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Operates trucks, including those over 26,000 lbs. (GVWR), for hauling materials, carrying men and equipment to jobs, carting debris for disposal, etc.;

Operates similar size trucks and snow plows including rotary plows, for clearing snow and spreading of salt and sand;

Operates mowers, compressors, front end loaders, self-propelled belt loaders, tractor-trailer combinations, trailers used for towing weighing more than 10,000 lbs., power shovels, cranes, bulldozers, backhoes (excavators), paver finishers and heavy-duty paving machines, graders, and similar heavy equipment used in the construction and maintenance of roads, sidewalks, culverts, bridges, drainage systems, landscaped areas, etc.;

Performs routine equipment maintenance duties and makes minor mechanical repairs;

Performs a variety of unskilled and semi-skilled laboring tasks as required.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the operation of trucks, including those over 26,000 lbs. (GVWR) such as tractor-trailers, trailers used for towing weighing more than 10,000 lbs., bulldozers, backhoes (excavators), bucket loaders on tracks, pavers, cranes, graders or power shovels;\* good knowledge of safety factors related to the operation of trucks and other motorized equipment; ability to safely operate trucks and equipment in confined areas and/or with workers in the area; ability to use common laboring tools and common hand tools and common hand tools used in carpentry, masonry, painting and mechanics; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Five (5) years of motor vehicle driving experience, six (6) months of which must have included training and/or experience in the operation of at least two (2) of the following: tractor-trailers, trailers used for towing weighing more than 10,000 lbs., power shovels, pavers, cranes, bulldozers, backhoes (excavators), bucket loaders on tracks, or graders.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Possession of a valid driver's license appropriate for the type of motorized equipment to be operated which must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.
  2. If assigned to drive heavy motor equipment, as defined by the Commercial Motor Safety Act, incumbents are required to possess a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with required endorsements.
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**PROMOTION:** One (1) year as a Motor Equipment Operator II which included or was supplemented by six (6) months of training and/or experience in the operation of tractor-trailers combinations, trailers used for towing weighing more than 10,000 lbs., power shovels, cranes, bulldozers, backhoes (excavators), bucket loaders on tracks, paver finishers, heavy duty paving machines, or graders.

**NOTE:** The equipment listed is for illustrative purposes only. Additional equipment may, at the discretion of the appointing authority, be added in accordance with the kind and size of vehicles appropriate for this class.

\*Bucket loaders on tracks, backhoes on tracks (excavators), paving finishers, heavy duty paving trucks, and cranes are generally considered to be more difficult to operate and require more skill to operate, thereby placing them under the equipment associated with a Motor Equipment Operator III.