

## **Kamloops Heavy Equipment Training School**

Kamloops Heavy Equipment Training School - HEO or also known as the heavy equipment operator courses would provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to be able to enter the workforce as an entry level heavy equipment operator. In this 12 week course together with a practicum, you will focus on jobsite fundamentals including: health, environmental and safety awareness and training, equipment operation and maintenance, and use of earth moving methods in hands-on conditions.

Operator training will help people work with their chosen heavy machine such as a grader, loader, compactor, an excavator and a dozer. The needed skills that an operator would require to work with heavy machinery consists of: good problem solving skills, excellent oral communication skills, excellent spatial ability and excellent vision, physical strength and stamina, the ability to work well with others in a team or alone and good eye-hand coordination along with good manual dexterity.

Technical skills are also required to operate these machinery. These skills include: being able to operate equipment and power tools, general mechanical ability, knowledge of safe working methods, the ability to follow technical specifications, grade plans and read directions, the ability to make basic measurements and mathematical calculations, and the ability to perform basic maintenance and mechanical repairs.