

BACKHOE OPERATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

A Backhoe operator is a person who is trained to use a piece of heavy construction equipment called a backhoe. The majority of a backhoe operator's job consists of digging holes and trenches or smoothing dirt so that the surface of an area is level. Most people who are trained to use a backhoe are also trained to use other pieces of equipment, such as bulldozers, power shovels, or front-end loaders. In addition to handling the arm and shovel portion of a backhoe, a backhoe operator must also be able to drive the machine around a construction site.

The most common job for a backhoe operator is digging and moving earth around a site. These machines are quite powerful and can be used to dig through many different materials, including dirt, rocks, gravel, and mud. Once the shovel has a load of material, the hydraulic arm can dump out the materials onto a dump truck or onto another part of the work site. The shovel and arm are also attached to the tractor body of the backhoe, so the backhoe operator can drive the materials to another part of the site. A backhoe operator needs to be able to drive the machine, position the hydraulic arm correctly, and properly use the shovel.

All Bergeron employees will fulfill the duties of their own position and any other tasks within their abilities as assigned by the Superintendent.