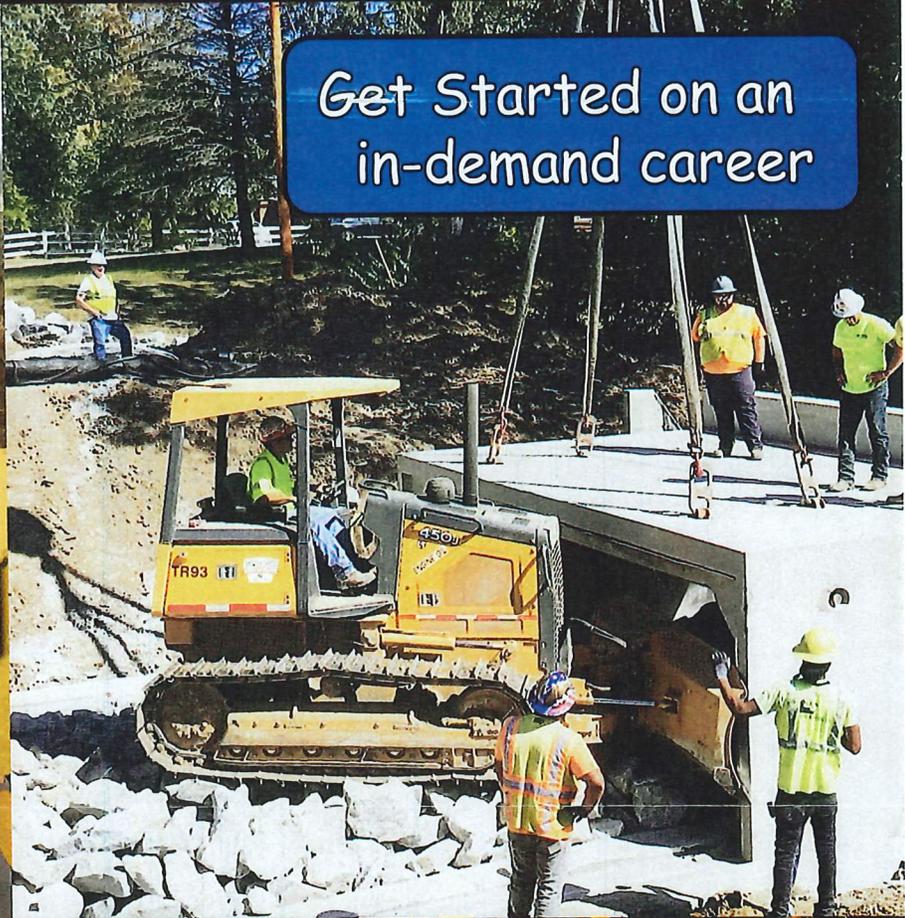


Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Program

May 2025

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in-demand career



The work of an Operating Engineer is divided into two general classifications: Operating Equipment, and Repairing Equipment.

Operating Engineers operate equipment such as bulldozers, excavators, articulated dump trucks, forklifts and cranes. This equipment is used while constructing roads, dams, bridges and buildings. Operating Engineers assist in the building of our cities and the building of our communities.

Not only do Operating Engineers run the equipment used for all of these projects, but as the equipment wears down and needs maintenance and repair, we do that too! With special knowledge and training, we have the experience and the ability to do what it takes to get the equipment back to its operational capacity, and back being productive on the project.

Working as an Operating Engineer is an excellent and exciting career choice for men AND women. Our apprenticeship program offers you the choice to become a Heavy Equipment Operator, or a Heavy Equipment Mechanic.



The Equipment Operator and Maintenance Technician are two separate programs, each with their own requirements, both with their own rewards. Both programs offer the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and develop the skills needed and necessary to be successful in the trade. Which will you choose?

This program is an INDUSTRY SPONSORED AND FUNDED registered Apprenticeship Training Program. If accepted, you will receive extensive training, at no cost to you.

The sponsors of this program are the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 18, the Ohio Contractors Association, and the Ohio Building Chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

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IUOE Local 18 Ohio Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Program



Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age by May 1, in the year they apply.
2. Applicants must be able to read, write and do arithmetic well enough to progress in the classroom training, and to be able to understand oral and written instruction.
3. Applicants must be eligible to work in the United States.
4. Applicants must be interested in working outdoors in any type of weather conditions and be able to travel to distant work sites if required.
5. Applicants selected must have dependable transportation to get to both urban and rural construction job sites, and have a working telephone where they can be contacted.
6. Applicants must show proof of a valid driver's license prior to the beginning of pre-admission orientation.
7. Applicants who do not have a current CDL (Commercial Driver's License) will be required to obtain, at a minimum, a Class B CDIP (Commercial Driver's License Instruction Permit) with Air Brakes Endorsement, prior to pre-admission orientation.
8. Applicants will receive a criminal background check. Any applicant having a felony conviction, been incarcerated, or having been under community control for a felony conviction within 7 years of applying, will not be eligible to enter the Apprenticeship Program.
9. Applicants will be drug tested during the application process, at some point prior to indenture, and must show a negative drug screen. Additionally, all indentured applicants shall be subject to random drug testing as outlined in the Apprenticeship Standards and the negotiated Union Contracts.
10. To receive credit (points) for your educational achievements, you must have all high school transcripts, diplomas, or GED certificates in the hands of the Training Program staff.
11. Those persons claiming American Indian Status must meet O.D.O.T. requirements for verification. Birth certificates, tribal certifications or tribal registrations are acceptable means of verification, as well as any State or Federal certification of enrollment.

Equipment Operator Apprenticeship

Apprentices in the Equipment Operator Apprenticeship, will attend a minimum of 160 hours of related instruction per year, for which they are not paid. Training sessions are scheduled in “Blocks” of (4) - 40 hour weeks. (1) week in the Fall, (2) weeks in the Winter, and (1) week in the Spring for the first 3 years of training. During the 4th year of training, there are (2) weeks scheduled for the Fall and (2) weeks in the Spring.

Apprentices are employed through the union hiring hall and are dispatched to work in accordance with the union referral system.

The Journey Person “Class A” Pay Rate as of May 1, 2025 is \$45.84 hourly.

The apprentice pay scale is based on the Class A Rate for the area in which an apprentice works and their current level of progress, and is as follows:

1st Year Apprentice receives 50% of Class A Rate
2nd Year Apprentice receives 60% of Class A Rate
3rd Year Apprentice receives 70% of Class A Rate
4th Year Apprentice receives 80% of Class A Rate

*There is a 10% increase paid if the apprentice is operating “production” equipment.

Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship

Apprentices in the Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship, will attend a minimum of 320 hours of related instruction per year, for which they are not paid. Classes are scheduled in intervals of (2) - 40 hour weeks of block training at a time.

Apprentices are employed through the union hiring hall and are dispatched to work in accordance with the union referral system.

Apprentices will be paid based upon the negotiated wage rate for their scope and range of work, and based upon the level attained within the apprenticeship.



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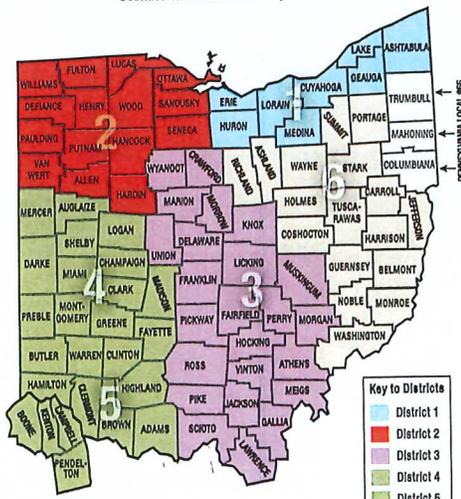
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IUOE Local 18 Jurisdiction

Counties Shown as Served by District



Local 18 Jurisdiction includes 4 northern counties in Kentucky: Boone, Campbell, Kenton, Pendleton, and excludes Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties in Ohio.

- Key to Districts**
- District 1
 - District 2
 - District 3
 - District 4
 - District 5
 - District 6

District 1 and District 6

Richfield Training Center

4675 Newton Road
Richfield, Ohio 44286

330-659-4115

District 2

Cygnat Training Center

9435 Cygnat Road
Cygnat, Ohio 43413

419-655-3282

District 3

Logan Training Center

30410 Strawn Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

740-385-2567

District 4/5

Miamisburg Training Center

4250 Soldier's Home
Miamisburg Road
Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

937-859-5211