

General Laborer

Primary Purpose:

Performs a wide variety of both unskilled and semi-skilled tasks but does not regularly and routinely assist a worker in any other classification by using the tools normally associated with that worker's classification. Work performed is normally manual in nature, such as digging, loading, unloading, lifting, carrying, lugging, tending, stockpiling, sweeping and cleaning but does frequently involve the use of equipment powered by air, gas or electricity. When specific work is regularly performed the classification normally reflects such work (i.e., asbestos abatement, traffic control, flag person, landscaper, etc.)

Typical Duties:

Breaks old pavement, loosens or digs hard earth, trims bottom and sides of trenches, breaks large rocks, chips concrete or earthen backfill using tools driven by compressed air, gas or electric power. Cleans and pours heated asphalt into concrete joints. Distributes bituminous material evenly over surface of pavement by raking and brushing material to correct thickness. Mixes and delivers mortar by bucket, hod, wheelbarrow, buggy or motorized unit such as forklift, skid steer or bobcat for use by bricklayer or plasterer. Unloads and distributes material, fixtures, furnishings and appliances from point of delivery on-site to stockpiles and from stockpiles to approximate point of installation. Operates chain saw to clear or grub areas of timer, brush, etc. Operates equipment to burn holes, etc., through concrete. Prepares concrete surfaces that are not to be finished by patching holes and broken corners and removes high spots and defective concrete. Installs expansion joints on all deck overlay work. Operates power driven, hand guided, water-cooled saws used to cut through concrete slabs. Operates cutting torch for demolition work on steel structures. Fits together and aligns forms used to hold concrete in place on highways, streets, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Keeps stakes and string line sets in place out in front of equipment to ensure accuracy of cut. Sets stakes to ensure depth of trench. Erects, planks and dismantles scaffolding. Dries concrete, mortar and plaster when done by salamander method. Cleans and clears all debris. Mucks mesh when used to reinforce concrete, strips forms, other than those which are to be re-used in their original form, including all flat arch work. Cleans, oils and carries forms to the next point of erection. Snaps wall ties and removes tie rods. Sets

rip-rap or other material for retaining walls. Installs paving brick for roadway or walkway when no mortar is used. Wraps, coats and distributes sewer, water and gas pipe. Shores ditches, trenches, and manholes using wooden or corrugated metal sheet piling or other shoring material when used to retain soil or underground utilities. Removes shoring. Lays brick or block on concrete slab at bottom of trench up to grade level to provide a means of permanent access to sewer and water pipe. The laying of such brick or block is not normally set to a plumb line and no effort is made to keep mortar off the face of the brick or block and joints are not pointed. Applies or coats mortar to interior and exterior surfaces of manholes. Assembles large diameter metal culverts by bolting together semi-circular pieces to form a complete circle and bolts each section of circle to similar sections which are placed adjacently until desired length is reached. Lays tile, concrete, cast iron, plastic or corrugated metal pipe used to transport water, sewage, etc. by receiving pipe lowered from the top of a trench and inserting spigot end of pipe into bell end of last laid pipe and adjusts pipe to proper line and grade and seals joints with cement or other sealing material. Cleans, screens and feeds sand into hopper or pot of sandblasting machine. Breaks or demolishes hard material, buildings or structures by blasting. Cleans and dresses slopes, cuts and embankments while suspended by ropes or cables. Lowers hose-like flexible shaft or vibrator into newly poured concrete in order to compact same. Constructs shafts and tunnels whether in free air or under compressed air. Drills, blasts, mucks and removes material from shafts and tunnels. Installs timbering, lagging, bracing, propping or shoring material in shafts and tunnels. Assembles multi-plate, liner plate, rings, mesh, mats or concrete forms in shafts and tunnels, including the setting of rods. Pours, pumpcretes or gunnites concrete into shaft or tunnel. Operates hydraulic jacking shields. Operates rock and concrete drills. Removes hazardous material other than asbestos. Lays fiber optic cable. Distributes, places and sets railroad ties and track including the setting of tie plates and tie bolting, gauging, leveling and spiking or rails. Performs ground clean-up for roof removal work. Performs roof removal when a building or structure is being demolished. Installs membranes and geotextile liners. May install process piping provided it does not handle potable water or require air pressure to function properly. May remove floor tile and mastic containing asbestos if removal methodology is allowed by OSHA or EPA.