

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III - 1445**

**DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision, to operate large and complex, heavy industrial motive equipment; and to perform related work.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This class is distinguished from Equipment Operator II in the greater degree of equipment complexity and the additional skill required. Equipment used by Equipment Operators III typically includes: excavators, truck-mounted cranes, crawler backhoes, grade-alls, and other equipment of comparable difficulty.

**\* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Operates large and complex heavy industrial motive equipment in regularly performing skilled construction, repair, and maintenance work in a variety of City departments;
- Loads and transports equipment;
- Excavates trenches;
- Lifts, moves, and lowers pipes and other heavy materials;
- Makes minor repairs and adjustments to equipment;
- Completes work requests and report forms;
- Prepares reports concerning equipment usage and necessary repairs;
- Leads the work of and trains apprentices and assigned personnel.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Description for updated minimum qualifications: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sandiego/classspecs>.

Two years of full-time experience in the operation of “medium class” industrial motive equipment similar to equipment operated by Equipment Operator II positions in the City of San Diego such as D-4 or D-6 class bulldozers, motor graders on skilled blade work, articulating loaders (e.g., Case 621, 721 or larger), backhoes/extendahoe (e.g., Case 580 or larger), or other equipment of comparable difficulty; **OR** six months of full-time experience operating a combination of the following types of “large class” industrial motive equipment: gradealls, D-8 or D-9 class bulldozers, motor scrapers, linkbelt excavators, milling machines, or other equipment of comparable difficulty. Possession of a valid California Class

- \* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.**

A Driver's License, AND a valid California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) medical certificate dated within the last two years are required.