

CAREER PROFILE: HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR WILLIAM STORR JR



Many different types of heavy equipment are used at a mine site, including haul trucks, bull dozers, excavators, and drills. Safety is very important for these operators. Operators regularly work inside of a climate controlled cabin within the equipment or potentially from home as autonomous vehicle technology improves. Often, operators are able to use more than one type of equipment and advance their career as they learn to operate more complex equipment.

William Storr Jr has a high school diploma and more than 13 years of experience operating heavy equipment. He has experience on a range of equipment, including loaders and backhoes, excavators, and dozers. Later in his career he's been able to operate hammer drills and direction drills. He has worked on a variety of projects, such as diamond mines, gold mines, oil sands, and fracking sites. William's daily tasks depend on the type of equipment he is using, and usually involve excavating, leveling, and moving material.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, & SKILLS

- Follow and understand hand signals and verbal directions
- Strong focus and ability to stay alert
- Excellent coordination and reflexes
- Good vision and depth perception
- Physical fitness and mobility
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to lift heavy objects up to 50 pounds

EDUCATION, TRAINING, & CERTIFICATION

A valid driver's licence and driving record may be required. Technical training and certification may be required for certain equipment. A high school diploma or equivalent may also be required.

SALARY RANGE*

\$26 - \$48/hour

*Wage average as of March 2023.



"When you do something you love to do, you never work a day in your life. That's what mining is to me. The field can be a dangerous place, but with the safe work practices and protocols in place today, it can be 100% safe. Heavy equipment is a great career path to pursue."

- William Storr Jr