

# Trades Opportunities with the Commonwealth



The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania offers a variety of trades employment opportunities. Recent graduates of vocational-technical school programs, as well as those completing apprenticeships, can find various entry-level positions, while seasoned professionals may pursue positions with higher levels of responsibility. Agencies that most often utilize these positions include the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources, Corrections, Human Services, Labor and Industry, and Transportation.

Some of the many rewarding trades positions available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania include:

**Automotive Mechanics and Diesel Mechanics** repair, overhaul, and inspect automobiles, trucks, tractors, graders, air compressors, etc.

**Carpenters** construct, alter, maintain, and repair buildings. They also repair wooden furniture and fixtures, lay composition tile and hardwood floors, and construct concrete forms.

**Corrections Trade Instructors** (disciplines: Automotive Mechanic, Carpenter, Electrical, Electronics, Machinist, Painting, Plumbing, Refrigeration Mechanic, and Welding) train inmates in a state correctional institution in the trade indicated by the job title. They provide on-the-job instruction in trade methods, care and use of tools and safety practices, and are responsible for inmate care, custody, and control during training and as the inmates carry out work assignments.

**Electricians** install, maintain, and repair electrical systems, equipment, and fixtures. They lay out and install conduit for power and lighting; correct power failures; and repair and maintain motors, generators, and various appliances.

**Equipment Operators** operate and maintain trucks, buses, and construction equipment, and perform general laboring duties.

**Food Service Supervisors** oversee food service and food production at a Commonwealth facility. Work includes training, assigning, inspecting, and evaluating the work of food service workers, cooks, and others.

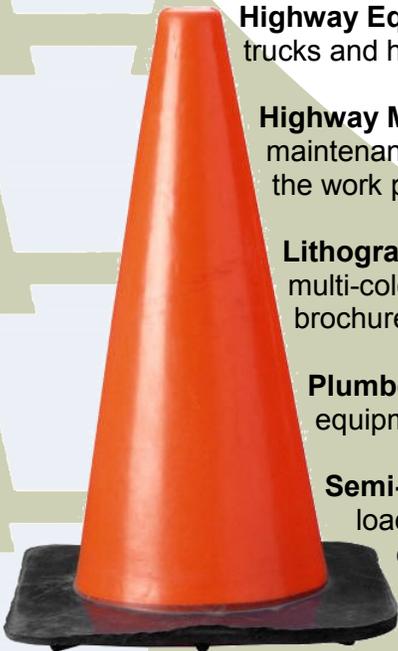
**Highway Equipment Managers** manage the maintenance, repair, and dispatch of heavy trucks and highway construction/maintenance equipment.

**Highway Maintenance Coordinators** supervise and administer the highway maintenance program for an assigned area; and plan, assign, direct, review, and evaluate the work performed in maintenance operations.

**Lithographic Press Operators** operate lithographic sheet-fed presses with 18" x 24" multi-color capacity to reproduce a variety of forms, letters, reports, booklets, pamphlets, brochures, and maps.

**Plumbers** install, repair, and maintain plumbing, heating, and steam operated equipment and systems.

**Semi-Skilled Laborers** cut grass and weeds; cut and stack wood; pick up trash; load or unload rock, sand, or lumber; dig holes; plant trees; help others with painting, carpentry, masonry, or other construction work; and use hand or power tools and equipment.



**Transportation Facility Administrators** oversee contractor or consultant adherence to all building, design, construction, maintenance, and repair operations within a Transportation Engineering District. Work involves planning and oversight of the acquisition and distribution of fiscal, material, and workforce resources to provide for preventive, operational, and emergency building maintenance.

**Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators** perform skilled work in the operation of a water or sewage treatment plant, which includes operating and maintaining motors, pumps, chemical feeders, chlorinators, flow recorders, and related equipment used in water or sewage treatment.

**Benefits:**

As the second largest employer in Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth offers unparalleled opportunities for training, development, and career advancement statewide. Most permanent, full-time employees also enjoy benefits such as:

- Exceptional medical benefits (including vision, dental, and prescription drug benefits)
- Generous vacation, sick, personal, and holiday leave
- Outstanding retirement options
- Cost-effective optional benefits, such as: Pre-tax savings for dependent care, group life/auto/home insurance programs, State Employees Assistance Program for employees and family members, and membership in the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union

For information on currently available positions, please visit the Commonwealth's employment website at [www.employment.pa.gov](http://www.employment.pa.gov). Visitors to the website may also subscribe to receive Job Alerts to be informed via email each time a new position is available. To subscribe, go to the Open Jobs page, click on "Subscribe to Job Alerts," and then select the Trades category.

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