

## LAUNDRY WASHER OPERATOR

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This is skilled work in the operation of heavy-duty washing machines, extractors, tumblers, and related equipment in an institutional Laundry.

Work requires the use of some judgement in correctly identifying and processing the several laundry classifications, for using correct amounts of soaps, detergents, and bleaches, and for the proper loading and operation of a variety of laundry machines. Work may include the supervision of a small group of helpers. Work is reviewed by a supervisor to assure that proper methods are followed, that work produced meets acceptable standards, and that production schedules are met.

### EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

Loads washer with laundry; regulates the amount and temperature of water to be used; mixes and adds soaps, detergents, and bleaches in accordance with -amount, type, and condition of laundry being washed.

Checks operation of washing equipment to assure that clothes are properly washed and that garments have not faded.

Operates an extractor by loading washed articles into machines, distributes material evenly to avoid excessive vibration, operates switch to set machine in motion and removes clothing when properly dried.

Operates tumbler by loading machines with damp fabrics, such as bath towels, blankets, and bathrobes; operates switch to start and stop machine; and removes articles when sufficiently dried.

Cleans, oils, and makes minor adjustments to machines.

Relieves other workers as required by workload in the laundry.

Performs related work as required.

### RECRUITMENT STANDARDS

#### Knowledges, Skills, and Abilities

Working knowledge of the operation of heavy-duty washers, extractors, tumblers, and related equipment.

Working knowledge of the reaction of textiles and colored materials to soaps, detergents, bleaches, water temperatures, and machines washing.

Skill in the operation of washing equipment.

Ability to make minor repairs and adjustments to laundry equipment.

Ability to perform heavy physical labor for considerable periods of time.

#### Minimum Training and Experience Requirements

Education and/or experience in a commercial or institutional laundry that is directly related to the job and consistent with accepted practices of the trade.