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Dear Mr. Clausen:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information about heavy equipment operator training. While OR-OSHA promotes and oversees worker safety in Oregon, operator training is not something that the Agency is involved in. Clint Rahberger of the IUOE 701 and AGC Heavy Equipment Operators JATC (an apprentice training center located in Eugene) was contacted and provided answers to your questions.

Graduation from the training center requires 8000 hours of on the job training, which usually takes five years to complete. This time includes one month each year at the training center in Eugene. The tuition is paid for by industry. Each student must pass at least three equipment certification exams, while majoring in the operation of one.

In order to prepare for admittance to operator training school Mr. Rahberger recommends that as many high school math classes (especially applied math) and as many industrial art or technical prep classes as are available be taken. In addition, all available applied academic classes should also be taken.

Mr. Rahberger invites you to contact him at IUOE 701 and AGC Heavy Equipment Operators JATC, 5001 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97403. His telephone number is 541-741-7292 and his E-Mail address is [qber@teleport.com](mailto:qber@teleport.com).

For further information please contact Mike Mitchell at 503-947-7450. You are also invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at the above address.

Sincerely,

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