

PRESS OPERATOR II

NATURE OF WORK

This is skilled work at the journeyman level in the operation of offset presses and related equipment.

Work involves responsibility for the accurate and efficient operation, adjustment and servicing of offset presses. Work may also include operation of related equipment. Work assignments are received in the form of work orders or orally and in terms of materials to be produced. Work is performed under the general supervision of the technical supervisor and is reviewed for neatness and clarity, economy of materials and efficiency of operation.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

Operates offset presses in reproducing a wide variety of printed materials; operates a variety of machines and related equipment.

Makes masters from camera and plate maker; treats masters and plates with chemicals; adjusts ink fountains; adjusts press to placement of impression and to size and thickness of paper; adjusts moisture roller and mixes inks.

Services, cleans, oils and makes minor repairs and adjustments to presses and related offset equipment; ensures that an adequate supply of cleaning fluids are available for machines and presses.

May instruct subordinate employees in the operation of offset equipment.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK

Experience as a journeyman in the operation of and maintenance of offset equipment; graduation from high school supplemented by the successful completion of an approved apprenticeship programme; or graduation from high school supplemented by the successful completion of the University training programme; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the following knowledge, abilities and skills:

Knowledge of the operation and basic maintenance requirements of offset presses and related equipment.

Knowledge of the uses of paper types, inks and other supplies used in offset printing.

Knowledge of art copy preparation for photographic and offset reproduction.

Knowledge of a variety of uses to which offset press machinery can be put and the various types of plates and processes.

Ability to follow written and oral instructions.

Ability to produce high quality work.

Ability to keep routine work records.

Skill in the operation and care of offset presses and allied equipment.

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