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Tasks

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- Test selected products at specified stages in the production process for performance characteristics or adherence to specifications.
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- Compile and evaluate statistical data to determine and maintain quality and reliability of products.
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- Study time, motion, methods, or speed involved in maintenance, production, or other operations to establish standard production rate or improve efficiency.
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- Read worker logs, product processing sheets, or specification sheets to verify that records adhere to quality assurance specifications.
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- Verify that equipment is being operated and maintained according to quality assurance standards by observing worker performance.
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- Aid in planning work assignments in accordance with worker performance, machine capacity, production schedules, or anticipated delays.
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- Evaluate industrial operations for compliance with permits or regulations related to the

generation, storage, treatment, transportation, or disposal of hazardous materials or waste.



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- Adhere to all applicable regulations, policies, and procedures for health, safety, and environmental compliance.



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- Analyze, estimate, or report production costs.



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- Assist engineers in developing, building, or testing prototypes or new products, processes, or procedures.



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- Calibrate or adjust equipment to ensure quality production, using tools such as calipers, micrometers, height gauges, protractors, or ring gauges.



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- Conduct statistical studies to analyze or compare production costs for sustainable and nonsustainable designs.



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- Coordinate equipment purchases, installations, or transfers.



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- Create or interpret engineering drawings, schematic diagrams, formulas, or blueprints for management or engineering staff.



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- Design plant layouts or production facilities.



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- Develop manufacturing infrastructure to integrate or deploy new manufacturing processes.



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- Develop or implement programs to address problems related to production, materials, safety, or quality.



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- Develop production, inventory, or quality assurance programs.



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- Develop sustainable manufacturing technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize raw material use, replace toxic materials with non-toxic materials, replace non-renewable materials with renewable materials, or reduce waste.



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- Identify opportunities for improvements in quality, cost, or efficiency of automation equipment.



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- Monitor and adjust production processes or equipment for quality and productivity.



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- Oversee equipment start-up, characterization, qualification, or release.



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- Oversee or inspect production processes.



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- Prepare layouts, drawings, or sketches of machinery or equipment, such as shop tooling, scale layouts, or new equipment design, using drafting equipment or computer-aided design (CAD) software.



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- Prepare production documents, such as standard operating procedures, manufacturing batch records, inventory reports, or productivity reports.



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- Provide advice or training to other technicians.



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- Recommend corrective or preventive actions to assure or improve product quality or reliability.



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- Select cleaning materials, tools, or equipment.



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- Select material quantities or processing methods needed to achieve efficient production.



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- Set up and operate production equipment in accordance with current good manufacturing practices and standard operating procedures.



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Technology Skills

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- **Analytical or scientific software** – IBM SPSS Statistics ; Minitab; The MathWorks MATLAB ; Wilcoxon Associates PC-DMIS; [12 more](#)



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- **Computer aided design CAD software** – Autodesk AutoCAD ; Bentley MicroStation ; Dassault Systemes CATIA; Dassault Systemes SolidWorks ; [12 more](#)



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- **Computer aided manufacturing CAM software** – CNC Mastercam; Materilise Magics; Planit Alphacam; Rapid prototyping software; [6 more](#)



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- **Data base user interface and query software** – Data entry software; Database software; Microsoft Access



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- **Desktop communications software** â€” Eko
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- **Desktop publishing software**
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- **Development environment software** â€” C ; Microsoft Visual Basic ; Microsoft Visual Studio ; National Instruments LabVIEW; [1 more](#)
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- **Document management software** â€” Microsoft SharePoint
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- **Electronic mail software** â€” Email software; IBM Notes; Microsoft Exchange; Microsoft Outlook
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- **Enterprise application integration software** â€” Extensible markup language XML
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- **Enterprise resource planning ERP software** â€” Management information systems MIS; Oracle JD Edwards EnterpriseOne; Plant maintenance software; SAP software ; [1 more](#)
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- **Graphics or photo imaging software** â€” Graphics editing software; Graphics software
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- **Industrial control software** â€” Programmable logic controller PLC software; Siemens SINUMERIK CNC; Supervisory control and data acquisition SCADA software; VIA Information Tools MAN-IT; [16 more](#)
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- **Instant messaging software** â€” Blink
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- **Internet browser software** â€” Microsoft Internet Explorer; Web browser software



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- **Materials requirements planning logistics and supply chain software** â€” ABB CPM4Metals; Horizon Software MRP Plus; Materials requirement planning MRP software; Production planning software; [1 more](#)



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- **Object or component oriented development software** â€” C++ ; G-code



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- **Office suite software** â€” Microsoft Office software



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- **Operating system software** â€” Microsoft Windows ; UNIX



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- **Presentation software** â€” Microsoft PowerPoint



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- **Process mapping and design software** â€” Microsoft Visio ; ProModel



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- **Project management software** â€” Microsoft Project



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- **Spreadsheet software** â€” Microsoft Excel



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- **Video creation and editing software** â€” Loom



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- **Word processing software** â€” Microsoft Word



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- Making Decisions and Solving Problems** – Analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
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- Drafting, Laying Out, and Specifying Technical Devices, Parts, and Equipment** – Providing documentation, detailed instructions, drawings, or specifications to tell others about how devices, parts, equipment, or structures are to be fabricated, constructed, assembled, modified, maintained, or used.
 [Related occupations](#)
- Thinking Creatively** – Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.
 [Related occupations](#)
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates** – Providing information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
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- Getting Information** – Observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources.
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- Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge** – Keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to your job.



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- **Working with Computers** – Using computers and computer systems (including hardware and software) to program, write software, set up functions, enter data, or process information.



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- **Monitoring Processes, Materials, or Surroundings** – Monitoring and reviewing information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.



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- **Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work** – Developing specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish your work.



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- **Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Materials** – Inspecting equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.



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- **Documenting/Recording Information** – Entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining information in written or electronic/magnetic form.



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- **Analyzing Data or Information** – Identifying the underlying principles, reasons, or facts of information by breaking down information or data into separate parts.



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- **Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events** – Identifying information by categorizing, estimating, recognizing differences or similarities, and detecting changes in circumstances or events.



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- **Handling and Moving Objects** – Using hands and arms in handling, installing, positioning, and moving materials, and manipulating things.




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- **Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships** – Developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others, and maintaining them over time.





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- **Estimating the Quantifiable Characteristics of Products, Events, or Information** – Estimating sizes, distances, and quantities; or determining time, costs, resources, or materials needed to perform a work activity.

[Related occupations](#)
- **Repairing and Maintaining Mechanical Equipment** – Servicing, repairing, adjusting, and testing machines, devices, moving parts, and equipment that operate primarily on the basis of mechanical (not electronic) principles.

[Related occupations](#)
- **Controlling Machines and Processes** – Using either control mechanisms or direct physical activity to operate machines or processes (not including computers or vehicles).

[Related occupations](#)
- **Processing Information** – Compiling, coding, categorizing, calculating, tabulating, auditing, or verifying information or data.

[Related occupations](#)
- **Evaluating Information to Determine Compliance with Standards** – Using relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations, or standards.

[Related occupations](#)
- **Judging the Qualities of Objects, Services, or People** – Assessing the value, importance, or quality of things or people.






[Related occupations](#)
- **Training and Teaching Others** – Identifying the educational needs of others, developing formal educational or training programs or classes, and teaching or instructing others.

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- **Communicating with People Outside the Organization** – Communicating with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone or e-mail.

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- **Developing Objectives and Strategies** – Establishing long-range objectives and specifying the strategies and actions to achieve them.
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- **Performing General Physical Activities** – Performing general physical activities includes doing activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling materials.
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- **Scheduling Work and Activities** – Scheduling events, programs, and activities, as well as the work of others.
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Detailed Work Activities

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- Assess product or process usefulness.
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- Test products for functionality or quality.
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- Research human performance or health factors related to engineering or design activities.
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- Monitor processes for compliance with standards.
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- Inspect operational processes.
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- Prepare detailed work plans.

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- Develop technical methods or processes.

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- Analyze costs and benefits of proposed designs or projects.

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- Calibrate scientific or technical equipment.

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- Design industrial processing systems.

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- Select project materials.

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- Create graphical representations of industrial production systems.

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- Create physical models or prototypes.

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- Design industrial equipment.

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- Design structures or facilities.

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- Determine operational methods.

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- Direct industrial production activities.

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 - Direct quality control activities.
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- Estimate operational costs.
 - [Related occupations](#)
- Explain engineering drawings, specifications, or other technical information.
 - [Related occupations](#)
- Implement design or process improvements.
 - [Related occupations](#)
- Monitor activities affecting environmental quality.
 - [Related occupations](#)
- Monitor the productivity or efficiency of industrial operations.
 - [Related occupations](#)
- Operate industrial equipment.
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- Prepare drawings or diagrams of products or services.
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- Prepare operational reports.
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- Purchase materials, equipment, or other resources.
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- Recommend technical design or process changes to improve efficiency, quality, or performance.
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- Train personnel on proper operational procedures.
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Work Context

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- **E-Mail** “ 95% responded “Every day.”
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- **Face-to-Face Discussions with Individuals and Within Teams** “ 84% responded “Every day.”
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- **Wear Common Protective or Safety Equipment such as Safety Shoes, Glasses, Gloves, Hearing Protection, Hard Hats, or Life Jackets** “ 78% responded “Every day.”
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- **Duration of Typical Work Week** “ 82% responded “More than 40 hours.”
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- **Telephone Conversations** “ 66% responded “Every day.”
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- **Indoors, Environmentally Controlled** “ 86% responded “Every day.”
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- **Contact With Others** “ 68% responded “Constant contact with others.”
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- **Work With or Contribute to a Work Group or Team** “ 64% responded “Extremely important.”



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- **Freedom to Make Decisions** â€” 55% responded â€œA lot of freedom.â€œ□



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- **Importance of Being Exact or Accurate** â€” 43% responded â€œExtremely important.â€œ□



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- **Impact of Decisions on Co-workers or Company Results** â€” 45% responded â€œImportant results.â€œ□



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- **Determine Tasks, Priorities and Goals** â€” 51% responded â€œSome freedom.â€œ□



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- **Frequency of Decision Making** â€” 50% responded â€œEvery day.â€œ□



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- **Exposed to Sounds, Noise Levels that are Distracting or Uncomfortable** â€” 48% responded â€œEvery day.â€œ□



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- **Coordinate or Lead Others in Accomplishing Work Activities** â€” 49% responded â€œVery important.â€œ□



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- **Time Pressure** â€” 45% responded â€œOnce a month or more but not every week.â€œ□



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- **Exposed to Contaminants** â€” 49% responded â€œEvery day.â€œ□



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- **Importance of Repeating Same Tasks** â€” 49% responded â€œVery important.â€œ□



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- **Work Outcomes and Results of Other Workers** â€” 29% responded â€œModerate

responsibility.â€œ□



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- **Written Letters and Memos** â€” 37% responded â€œOnce a week or more but not every day.â€œ□

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- **Health and Safety of Other Workers** â€” 33% responded â€œModerate responsibility.â€œ□

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- **Consequence of Error** â€” 34% responded â€œExtremely serious.â€œ□

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- **Exposed to Hazardous Equipment** â€” 38% responded â€œNever.â€œ□

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- **Spend Time Standing** â€” 47% responded â€œLess than half the time.â€œ□

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- **Conflict Situations** â€” 32% responded â€œOnce a month or more but not every week.â€œ□

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- **Physical Proximity** â€” 43% responded â€œI work with others but not closely (e.g., private office).â€œ□

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- **Spend Time Sitting** â€” 39% responded â€œLess than half the time.â€œ□

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- **Spend Time Using Your Hands to Handle, Control, or Feel Objects, Tools, or Controls** â€” 28% responded â€œLess than half the time.â€œ□

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Experience Requirements

Job Zone

Title

Job Zone Three: Medium Preparation Needed

Education

Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree.

Related Experience

Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is required for these occupations. For example, an electrician must have completed three or four years of apprenticeship or several years of vocational training, and often must have passed a licensing exam, in order to perform the job.

Job Training

Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

Job Zone Examples

These occupations usually involve using communication and organizational skills to coordinate, supervise, manage, or train others to accomplish goals. Examples include hydroelectric production managers, desktop publishers, electricians, agricultural technicians, barbers, court reporters and simultaneous captioners, and medical assistants.

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Example apprenticeship titles for this occupation:

- 3d Printing Technician
- Additive Manufacturing Technician
- Industrial Engineering Technician
- Industrial Manufacturing Technician
- Quality Control Technician

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Worker Requirements

Skills

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- **Reading Comprehension** – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work-related documents.
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- **Active Listening** – Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
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- **Critical Thinking** – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.
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- **Complex Problem Solving** – Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.



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- **Monitoring** â€” Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.



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- **Speaking** â€” Talking to others to convey information effectively.



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- **Systems Analysis** â€” Determining how a system should work and how changes in conditions, operations, and the environment will affect outcomes.



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- **Systems Evaluation** â€” Identifying measures or indicators of system performance and the actions needed to improve or correct performance, relative to the goals of the system.



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- **Time Management** â€” Managing one's own time and the time of others.



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- **Judgment and Decision Making** â€” Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.



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- **Mathematics** â€” Using mathematics to solve problems.



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- **Operations Analysis** â€” Analyzing needs and product requirements to create a design.



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- **Writing** â€” Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.



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- **Active Learning** â€” Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.



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- **Instructing** – Teaching others how to do something.



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- **Quality Control Analysis** – Conducting tests and inspections of products, services, or processes to evaluate quality or performance.



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- **Technology Design** – Generating or adapting equipment and technology to serve user needs.



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Knowledge

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- **Mechanical** – Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance.



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- **Engineering and Technology** – Knowledge of the practical application of engineering science and technology. This includes applying principles, techniques, procedures, and equipment to the design and production of various goods and services.



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- **Production and Processing** – Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods.









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- **Mathematics** – Knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and their applications.



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- **Design** – Knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models.

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- **English Language** – Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, and rules of composition and grammar.

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- **Computers and Electronics** – Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.

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- **Physics** – Knowledge and prediction of physical principles, laws, their interrelationships, and applications to understanding fluid, material, and atmospheric dynamics, and mechanical, electrical, atomic and sub-atomic structures and processes.

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- **Public Safety and Security** – Knowledge of relevant equipment, policies, procedures, and strategies to promote effective local, state, or national security operations for the protection of people, data, property, and institutions.

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- **Customer and Personal Service** – Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

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Education

How much education does a new hire need to perform a job in this occupation? Respondents said:

- 37%








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Worker Characteristics

Abilities

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- **Deductive Reasoning** “The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.”

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- **Inductive Reasoning** “The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).”

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- **Oral Comprehension** “The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.”

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- **Problem Sensitivity** “The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing that there is a problem.”

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- **Near Vision** “The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).”

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- **Written Comprehension** “The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.”

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- **Oral Expression** “The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.”

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- **Category Flexibility** “ The ability to generate or use different sets of rules for combining or grouping things in different ways.
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- **Information Ordering** “ The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).
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- **Fluency of Ideas** “ The ability to come up with a number of ideas about a topic (the number of ideas is important, not their quality, correctness, or creativity).
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- **Originality** “ The ability to come up with unusual or clever ideas about a given topic or situation, or to develop creative ways to solve a problem.
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- **Selective Attention** “ The ability to concentrate on a task over a period of time without being distracted.
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- **Speech Recognition** “ The ability to identify and understand the speech of another person.
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- **Visualization** “ The ability to imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged.
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- **Written Expression** “ The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.
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- **Mathematical Reasoning** “ The ability to choose the right mathematical methods or formulas to solve a problem.
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- **Number Facility** “ The ability to add, subtract, multiply, or divide quickly and correctly.
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- **Perceptual Speed** “The ability to quickly and accurately compare similarities and differences among sets of letters, numbers, objects, pictures, or patterns. The things to be compared may be presented at the same time or one after the other. This ability also includes comparing a presented object with a remembered object.



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- **Speech Clarity** “The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.



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- **Far Vision** “The ability to see details at a distance.



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- **Flexibility of Closure** “The ability to identify or detect a known pattern (a figure, object, word, or sound) that is hidden in other distracting material.



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- **Realistic** “Work involves designing, building, or repairing of equipment, materials, or structures, engaging in physical activity, or working outdoors. Realistic occupations are often associated with engineering, mechanics and electronics, construction, woodworking, transportation, machine operation, agriculture, animal services, physical or manual labor, athletics, or protective services.



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- **Conventional** “Work involves following procedures and regulations to organize information or data, typically in a business setting. Conventional occupations are often associated with office work, accounting, mathematics/statistics, information technology, finance, or human resources.



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- **Investigative** – Work involves studying and researching non-living objects, living organisms, disease or other forms of impairment, or human behavior. Investigative occupations are often associated with physical, life, medical, or social sciences, and can be found in the fields of humanities, mathematics/statistics, information technology, or health care service.



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- **Support** – Occupations that satisfy this work value offer supportive management that stands behind employees. Corresponding needs are Company Policies, Supervision: Human Relations and Supervision: Technical.



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- **Achievement** – Occupations that satisfy this work value are results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment. Corresponding needs are Ability Utilization and Achievement.



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- **Independence** – Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to work on their own and make decisions. Corresponding needs are Creativity, Responsibility and Autonomy.







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- **Attention to Detail** – Job requires being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks.

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- **Stress Tolerance** – Job requires accepting criticism and dealing calmly and effectively with high-stress situations.

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- **Cooperation** – Job requires being pleasant with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude.

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- **Integrity** – Job requires being honest and ethical.

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- **Initiative** – Job requires a willingness to take on responsibilities and challenges.

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- **Self-Control** – Job requires maintaining composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger, and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations.

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- **Independence** – Job requires developing one's own ways of doing things, guiding oneself with little or no supervision, and depending on oneself to get things done.

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- **Achievement/Effort** – Job requires establishing and maintaining personally challenging achievement goals and exerting effort toward mastering tasks.



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- **Persistence** â€” Job requires persistence in the face of obstacles.



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- **Adaptability/Flexibility** â€” Job requires being open to change (positive or negative) and to considerable variety in the workplace.



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- **Concern for Others** â€” Job requires being sensitive to others' needs and feelings and being understanding and helpful on the job.



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- **Innovation** â€” Job requires creativity and alternative thinking to develop new ideas for and answers to work-related problems.



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- **Leadership** â€” Job requires a willingness to lead, take charge, and offer opinions and direction.



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- **Social Orientation** â€” Job requires preferring to work with others rather than alone, and being personally connected with others on the job.



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Median wages (2024)

\$31.15 hourly, \$64,790 annual

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Employment (2024)

74,600 employees

Projected growth (2024-2034)

 Slower than average (1% to 2%)

Projected job openings (2024-2034)

6,300

State trends

Top industries (2024)

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