

CAREER PROFILES

Material Handlers:

Material Handlers handle, move, load, and unload materials by hand or using a variety of material handling equipment. They also sort, store, and issue parts and supplies for use by the establishment in which they work and for sale to the public. **Material Handlers** may operate equipment such as industrial trucks or tractors, to transport materials to and from transportation vehicles to loading docks.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$26,150 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$18.80/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Detail oriented
- Teamwork
- Freight
- Forklift
- Adaptability
- Manual dexterity
- Self-motivated
- Oral and written communication
- Customer service oriented
- Work independently
- Marketing
- Problem solving
- Organizational skills
- Time management
- Computer use
- Microsoft Office
- Bilingual
- Numeracy
- Heavy equipment operation
- Math
- Management

Job Duties:

Material Handlers (manual) load, unload, and move products and materials by hand or using basic material handling equipment. They move household appliances and furniture onto and

off moving trucks or vans and perform other material handling activities such as counting, weighing, sorting, packing, and unpacking.

Material Handlers (equipment operators) operate winches and other loading devices to load and unload materials onto and off trucks, railway cars, and loading docks of warehouses and industrial establishments. Material Handlers (equipment operators) operate industrial trucks, tractors, loaders, and other equipment to transport materials to and from transportation vehicles and loading docks and to store and retrieve materials in warehouses. They connect hoses or pipes and operate equipment to load and unload liquid petroleum, chemical, or other products into or from tank cars, tank trucks, or storage tanks. Material Handlers (equipment operators) also operate equipment to dump materials such as coal, ore, and rain into or to remove materials from railway cars, trucks, or other vehicles and operate conveyors and equipment to transfer grain or other materials from transportation vehicles to elevators, bins, or other storage areas.

Working Conditions:

Work takes place indoors and outdoors in various weather conditions.

Work is done near or with equipment, instruments, machinery or power/hand tools that may be a source of accident or injury.

Workers may be exposed to toxic chemicals, noise and vibration.

Career Pathways:

Adequate physical strength is required for manual Material Handlers who work with heavy materials. Much of the work can be physically demanding.

Material Handlers are employed by transportation, storage and moving companies, and by a variety of manufacturing and processing companies and retail and wholesale warehouses.

Below are potential career pathways for Material Handlers:

- Bin Filler
- Coal Handler
- Conveyor Console Operator
- Forklift Operator
- Forklift Truck Operator
- Freight Handler
- Furniture Mover
- Lumber Piler – Building Supplies
- Material Handler
- Railway Car Loader
- Stockpiler
- Storage Worker – Material Handling

- Truck Loader
- Warehouseman/Woman

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a Material Handler, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

Academy Truck Driving School:

Forklift Training Program

Admission/Eligibility Requirements: Valid ID

Academic Credential: Certificate

Attendance: In-Person

Full-time or Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 5 hours

Program Cycle: Once a month

Program Cost: \$199

OSAP Eligible: No

Location: 2700 Central Avenue, Windsor, N8W 4J5

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.academydrivingschool.ca/forklift-training/4585930947>

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