

CLASS 1 DRIVER AND MILFOIL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
FULL-TIME PERMANENT

Location: Central/North Okanagan, BC (Preference to Vernon, Lake Country, or surrounding area)

Application Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2025, 4:00 PM

Terms: Full time, permanent starting April 1, 2025.

Information:

The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) is seeking a highly motivated individual with excellent teamwork skills to fill the position of **Class 1 Driver and Milfoil Equipment Operator**, reporting to the Deputy Administrator. This position involves operating aquatic weed control machines in the summer and winter seasons throughout the Okanagan Valley. In the spring and fall, the employee works as part of the milfoil crew to maintain and repair the equipment, and to plan the operational cycle for the next season. The successful candidate will be self-motivated, safety-conscious and trustworthy, capable of working under minimal supervision in an isolated environment, with excellent references from prior work experience. Mechanical skills and an ability to trouble-shoot are imperative and must be balanced with a willingness to ask for help, and to take direction from others.

Applicants with previous experience operating a Class 1 (airbrakes) truck with oversized loads, loading, unloading and operating heavy equipment will be given first consideration. Experience operating watercraft, including possession of a Pleasure Craft Operating Card is a requirement. Knowledge of GPS systems and an ability to read maps will be considered an asset.

This position involves working in an isolated environment, conducting repetitive tasks for extended shifts (up to 8 hours). The successful candidate must be able to maintain mental alertness and follow safety procedures identifying and avoiding hazards in the water, and other lake users. The work schedule is based on 40 hours per week and offers some flexibility during the summer months to work a four-on, three-off schedule with 10-hour shifts on an averaging agreement. Except for emergencies, the work schedule does not include overtime.

This position starts at \$32.00 per hour and comes with an attractive benefits package after a probation period, including paid vacation, sick time, life and disability insurance, and a defined benefit pension plan. The OBWB is a local government agency, and we have been managing Okanagan milfoil for more than forty years. We are looking for a long-term, consistent and reliable fulltime employee. For the full job description see below.

Please submit your resume and covering letter by 4:00 p.m. on March 3rd, 2025 to: carolina.restrepo@obwb.ca with "**Application for Milfoil Control Position**" in the subject line. Applications received past the deadline will not be considered. **Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.**

Additional information about the OBWB milfoil program may be obtained from our website, www.obwb.ca/milfoil