

<b>Job Title:</b>	Apprentice Plant Operator
<b>Location:</b>	Kirkwall, Orkney
<b>Job type:</b>	Full Time
<b>Reports to:</b>	Project Manager / Managing Director

## Job Purpose:

This role is wide ranging, and no two days will be the same. During the apprenticeship, you'll learn to operate various items of plant safely and efficiently, and how to carry out basic maintenance and checks.

As a plant operator you could be:

- Carrying out safety checks and keeping machines running properly
- Using 180° and 360° excavators
- Moving earth with excavators and dumper trucks
- Levelling out areas
- Changing buckets and other machine attachments
- Using forklifts to unload and move materials around the site
- Operating mobile cranes
- Slinger signaller for crane operations communicating via radio
- Labouring when not operating plant, for example hand digging, laying concrete, moving shutters, handling materials etc

## Required Skills:

- Proactive work ethic
- Problem solving
- Manage and prioritise tasks
- Good communication
- Able to cope with lifting, climbing and carrying
- Safety conscious
- Display good co-ordination and spatial awareness
- Willing to work outdoors in all weathers

## Entry Requirements:

No formal academic requirements for this course.

## Course Description:

The course includes practical training on the following items of plant:

- 360° excavator below 10t
- 180° digger loader
- Forward tipping dumper
- Telescopic handler

Your time will be split between on-the-job experience and at the National Construction College in Norfolk.

In Year 1, you will receive 12 weeks training where you'll learn through a mix of classroom-based theory and practical training. There will also be some theory and practical assessments to complete.

In Year 2, there will be more work-based experience and a site visit to assess you for the NVQ level 2 in Plant Operations.