

Machinery Operator

About Us:

EA Networks is a cooperative network company based in Mid Canterbury. It owns and operates the region's electricity distribution network, as well as an advanced fibre optic communications network. Being locally owned and operated means EA Networks and its 130 staff have strong ties with the community that they work and live in. The core focus for EA Networks is maintaining a resilient electricity and fibre network while supporting the local economy and community. For more information about the company visit www.eanetworks.co.nz

The Role:

We are looking for a Machinery Operator to join our busy Underground Services Team, supporting the safe, effective and timely delivery of underground maintenance, labouring, excavation and fault response activities across the Ashburton District. Working across rural and suburban sites, you'll be part of a small, practical crew helping deliver essential services that keep our community connected.

This role contributes to the successful completion of field work by operating and supporting the use of machinery and equipment, assisting with practical onsite duties, including the installation of power and fibre cables and working collaboratively with the team to ensure work is completed to company standards and operational requirements. You'll bring a strong safety focus, sound operating experience, and a willingness to pitch in where needed to get the job done well.

Got what it takes?

- Class 1 and WTR licences (Class 2-5, F endorsements, TMO or STMS are an advantage, or the ability to obtain)
- Experience operating heavy machinery, mechanical equipment, and diggers is an advantage
- Excavator, forklift and Hiab experience.
- A strong commitment to health, safety and high-quality work
- At least 6 months experience in the civil industry.
- Ability to work individually and in a wider team environment.
- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to think clearly under pressure.
- Good organisation skills.
- Ability to follow instructions accurately.
- Knowledge of worksite safety rules.
- Willingness to complete administrative tasks accurately and on time
- First aid skills (or willingness to obtain)
- Flexibility to work in varied locations and weather conditions

On Offer:

We prioritise providing our people with the best possible experience. In addition to a great workplace, we operate a strong reliable network and have modern, well-maintained vehicles and gear. Our new employee benefits scheme offers rewards and benefits to help cover life's costs and support personal wellbeing. We also offer competitive remuneration, enhanced annual leave benefits, and a paid day off during the month of your birthday. We have an active Social Club with activities throughout the year, discounted gym/fitness centre memberships, an expansive break room and free on-site staff parking. You'll get to work with like-minded people who are passionate about keeping the lights and internet on throughout the Ashburton District.

Being a part of the Ashburton District means you're a part of a strong supportive community with a great semi-rural lifestyle. With a variety of local dining and services, and excellent skiing, hunting, tramping and fishing spots nearby, you'll be spoiled for choice. As it's only a 60-minute drive from Christchurch Airport, it doesn't take long to experience city life.

Join Us:

To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter. Applicants must be residing in and have the right to work in New Zealand. Pre-employment checks including a medical, drug and alcohol test and Ministry of Justice checks will apply. For further information please contact Sarah Green 027 355 6914. Closing date for applications is Friday 21st August 2026, however applications will be reviewed as they are received and the advertisement may close early.