



# *Bridge and Building Foreman*

## *Education and Training*

In addition to a High School diploma a Bridge & Building (B&B) Foreman must hold a Canadian Rail Operating Rules card, minimum level D and a valid Driver's License. Experience with all aspects of the B&B department is essential and all B&B foremen must complete internal B&B training school for foreman. Computer training is recommended.

## *Nature of Work*

B&B foreman typically work with a team of 4 including a carpenter, truck driver and bridgeman to assist in the work. Gang Labourers also provide support. B&B foreman often work on structures at heights with proper fall protection equipment. They use a variety of power tools including drills, hammers, impact guns, rivet busters, jack-hammers and skill saws. They must be familiar with all pipes valves switches, levers and assorted parts of water, fuel and steam plants.

The environment is usually loud and workers are often exposed to moving machinery, adverse weather conditions, precarious heights and fumes/airborne particles. B&B foreman are frequently required to stand, walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. They must regularly lift and /or move up to 100 pounds.

## *Main Duties*

- Report damaged/defective/unsafe conditions and speed, load violations concerning bridges, trestles, culverts and associated buildings
- Take all actions necessary to ensure that railway property is protected during high wind, heavy rain, flooding or freezing temperatures
- Provide track protection for all work under his supervision
- Ensure that Canadian Occupational Safety and Health Regulations are met

## *Typical Employer*

Canadian Pacific Railways  
CN

## *Additional Information*

Teamsters Canada  
[www.teamsters.ca/index.php?lang=en](http://www.teamsters.ca/index.php?lang=en)

## *Earnings*

Low: \$44,000  
Average: \$48,000  
High: \$52,000

## *Essential Characteristics*

- Physical strength
- Manual dexterity
- Management and organizational skills

