



Railway Maintenance Worker

Education and Training

Railway Maintenance Workers receive on the job training provided by an employer. Railway Maintenance Workers require experience as a railway labourer as well as a Levels D, B and A certificate of the Canadian Rail Operating rules. In order to work on main tracks unsupervised under track occupancy permit, employees must have a level 'A' certificate. Labourers that do not have certificates must work under other qualified personnel. There numerous safety and technical in-house training programs designed to provide employees with the knowledge and skills necessary to correctly and safely perform their duties.

Nature of Work

Responsible for maintaining the infrastructure of the Railway for example: tracks must be routinely maintained and kept in good condition so that trains can operate at the maximum speed. Signals and Communication must be routinely maintained to ensure safe passage of rail and road vehicles. Structures and buildings must be constructed and renovated to support the maintenance of track structure and train equipment.

Earnings

Low: \$29,000
Average: \$35,000
High: \$45,000

Main Duties

- Operate machines and equipment to lay, maintain and repair railway tracks
- Remove snow and debris and attend to damaged or broken tracks
- Inspect tracks and make repairs as required

Typical Employer

Railways and industrial or commercial users of rail transport

Additional Information

Railway Association of Canada
www.railcan.ca
United Transportation Union
www.utu.org
United Steelworkers
www.uswa.ca
Teamsters Canada Rail Conference
www.teamstersrail.ca

Essential Characteristics

- Physically fit
- Manual dexterity
- Good interpersonal skills

