



Yard Checker

Education and Training

Yard Checkers are trained on the job. It takes an average of 2 - 6 years of being a union member to become a yard checker.

Nature of Work

Yard Checkers are in charge of ensuring the smooth flow of containers in and out of marine terminals. They assist Head Checkers in making sure every container is accounted for. They must be organized when storing and moving containers in and out of the yard. They communicate with ship loaders as well as gate operators to maintain a seamless flow of containers. One mistake translates into thousands of dollars in losses for the shipping companies and the terminals.

Main Duties

- Assists the head checker with the supervision of loading and unloading of containers at the terminal
- Prepare detailed load plans for Dock Gantry Crane Operators
- Assist vessel planners with loading and unloading instructions
- Supervise Rubber Tyred Gantry Operators load and unload containers
- Must communicate with everyone in the yard to ensure everyone is aware of containers' locations

Typical Employer

Marine terminal operators

Additional Information

International Longshore and Warehouse Union
www.ilwu.ca

Earnings

Low: □ \$75,000
 Average: □ \$90,000
 High: □ \$100,000

Essential Characteristics

- Strong organizational skills
- Good language and interpersonal skills
- Attention to detail

