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Journeyperson Heavy Duty Mechanic

Name: Bernard Ratt

Home Community: Sucker River, SK

Education: Heavy Duty Technician Certification, Northlands College

Employer: Orano Canada Inc.

Details of the Job: My job entails repairing and maintaining heavy road equipment such as loaders, excavators, dozers and haul trucks. Ensuring that equipment is in good functioning order is important so that my coworkers can get their job down efficiently and it's also important for everyone's safety.

A Typical Day: A typical day includes removing and disassembling components on equipment that have failed and replacing them with new parts. At times, I repair the parts that have failed in order to get the equipment back to an operational state. I also inspect and perform the regular maintenance scheduled on the various types of equipment to help prevent future failures.

About the Job: I chose this career because I knew there would be something new and challenging to deal with every day. I think it is awesome knowing that I can fix something that 90% of the world can't.

In order to be successful in this career, you need to have good problem solving skills and be open minded to learning every day. I would encourage young people to get their Grade 12 education and then go through a Pre-Employment course for Heavy Duty Technician through Northlands College in La Ronge to see if that's a career for them.