

LONGSHOREMAN



Main tasks and responsibilities

Longshoremen perform maneuvers linked to loading/unloading of vessels, rail cars and trucks. Using the appropriate machinery, they handle and stow cargo transiting in ports. These operations can be linked to transshipment of containerized, bulk or general cargo. Longshoremen may also operate the equipment required to transfer liquids into ship's tanks. They generally work for companies specializing in docking, transshipping and storing cargo and for shipping companies.

Academic training or professional development

Generally, a High School Diploma is required. Most employers require a driver's licence and some ask candidates to have hands-on experience in operating heavy machinery (3 to 5 years). In addition to these pre-requisites, many organizations that hire longshoremen will ask candidates to succeed to their own in-house tests. After they are hired, candidates will upgrade their skills through specialized training offered by the employer or their respective training centre in order to develop different specialities.

Different specialities for longshoremen

- Longshoreman
- Longshoreman/checker
- Longshoreman/terminal gantry crane operator
- Longshoreman/gantry crane operator (containers)
- Longshoreman/mobile crane operator
- Longshoreman/ ship's crane operator
- Longshoreman/ship loader operator
- Longshoreman/handling equipment driver
- Tankerman
- Dock worker/lines man
- Dock hand/day labourer
- Supervisor
- Foreman

Essential qualities and interests

- Good physical condition, dexterity and coordination.
- Patience and good capacity for concentration (sustained attention).
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to act responsibly at all time, due to the factors linked to his/her own and others' safety.
- Availability to work irregular hours and interest in doing so (night, evening and weekend).
- Good visuo-motor coordination.
- Good spatial awareness.

Average annual income: \$40 000 to \$100 000 and more
(depending on the region and market conditions)

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