

## PREVAILING WAGE RATE INSTRUCTIONS

### PAYROLL SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

1. One copy of a Certified Payroll of the General Contractor and Sub-Contractors are to be submitted to the County Engineer weekly. The General Contractor is responsible for Sub-Contractor payroll submittals.
2. Complete all information requested, using Harris County Certified Payrolls form. This form is available at:  
<http://www.eng.hctx.net/wage/public.asp>
3. Include Contract Purchase Order Number on each payroll along with the payroll number.
4. The General Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor are to make available copies of cancelled checks and check stubs for comparisons if requested by the Contract Compliance Officer.

### WAGE RATE COMPLIANCE

The Harris County Prevailing Wage Rate poster must be displayed in a location that all workers have access and remain in place until the project is complete.

Harris County reserves the right for the Contract Compliance Officer to visit the job site and to interview the General Contractor and Sub-Contractor employees on any given date or time during the construction period without prior notification.

The Contract Compliance Officer will ascertain that the proper wage rates are being paid to the employees in accordance with the contract documents. The General Contractor shall not allow work requiring a license to be performed by a worker who does not have the proper license. The General Contractor shall require, and shall require its subcontractors to require, that workers carry their licenses upon their persons while performing work on the Project and that such persons produce their licenses to the Contract Compliance Officer upon request. After being requested to produce a license, a worker is not to be allowed to perform further work requiring a license until the required license is produced. Should work requiring a license be performed by an unlicensed person despite the prohibitions of this paragraph, that person must be paid the prevailing wage rate applicable for a licensed craftsman performing such work. Harris County will not recognize a worker that holds a journeyman's license in a trade as eligible for pay at an apprentice rate for work in that trade.

In the event of discrepancy between the services performed and the wages paid, it will be documented and the General Contractor will be so notified.

Harris County reserves the right to withhold any payment due the General Contractor until such discrepancy is resolved and the necessary adjustment is made.

Apprentices may be used in any of the crafts listed where noted, if they are currently certified in a program recognized by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U.S. Department of Labor, providing the proper ratio between journeyman and apprentice is observed. Apprentice certification certificates must be supplied with the first weekly payroll upon which the apprentice's name appears. If they are not certified as an apprentice, they must be paid as a journeyman and used as an apprentice.

### TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2258

The Contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to the County on whose behalf this contract is made, Sixty Dollars, (\$60.00) for each worker, employed for each calendar day, or portion thereof, such worker is paid less than the said stipulated rates for any work done under this contract, by him or by any sub-contractor under him.

The Contractor and each sub-contractor shall keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record showing the names of all workers, also the actual per diem wages paid to each of such workers.



# Harris County Road and Bridge Construction Prevailing Wage Rates Quarter 1 of 2022



Worker Classifications	Rate
Asphalt Distributor Operator	\$14.06
Asphalt Paving Machine Operator	\$14.32
Asphalt Raker	\$12.36
Asphalt Shoveler	\$11.68
Broom or Sweeper Operator	\$12.68
Bulldozer Operator	\$11.81
Carpenter (Rough)	\$12.49
Concrete Finisher (Paving)	\$12.98
Concrete Finisher (Structures)	\$12.98
Concrete Paving Curbing, Machine Operator	\$11.71
Concrete Paving Finishing, Machine Operator	\$13.07
Concrete Paving Joint Sealer, Operator	\$11.00
Concrete Paving Saw Operator	\$13.99
Concrete Paving Spreader, Operator	\$10.44
Concrete Rubber	\$9.00
Crane, Clamshell, Backhoe, Derrick, Dragline, Shovel Operator	\$12.71
Crusher and Screed Plant Operator	\$11.29
Electrician	\$27.11
Flagger	\$10.33
Form Builder/Setter (Structures)	\$12.23
Form Liner (Paving & Curb)	\$12.34
Form Setter (Paving & Curb)	\$12.34
Foundation Drill Operator, (Crawler Mounted)	\$17.43
Foundation Drill Operator, (Truck Mounted)	\$15.89
Front End Loader Operator	\$13.17
Laborer, Common	\$11.02
Laborer, Utility	\$11.73
Manhole Builder	\$9.00
Mechanic	\$16.96
Milling Machine Operator, (Fine Grade)	\$13.53

Worker Classifications	Rate
Mixer Operator	\$10.33
Motor Grader Operator (Rough)	\$14.23
Motor Grader Operator	\$15.69
Oiler	\$12.12
Painter (Structures)	\$18.62
Pavement Marking Machine, Operator	\$11.18
Piledriverman	\$14.95
Pipelayer	\$12.12
Reinforcing Steel Setter, (Paving)	\$15.15
Reinforcing Steel Setter, (Structure)	\$14.39
Roller Operator, Pneumatic, (Self-Propelled)	\$11.57
Roller Operator, Steel Wheel, Flat Wheel/Tamping	\$11.57
Roller Operator, Steel Wheel, Plant Mix Pavement	\$11.92
Scraper Operator	\$13.47
Servicer	\$13.97
Sign Installer (PGM)	\$8.54
Slip Form Machine Operator	\$11.07
Spreader Box Operator	\$13.58
Structural Steel Worker	\$14.39
Tractor operator (Crawler Type)	\$13.68
Tractor operator, Pneumatic	\$10.07
Traveling Mixer Operator	\$11.00
Truck driver, Lowboy-Float	\$16.03
Truck driver, Single Axle, (Heavy)	\$11.46
Truck driver, Single Axle, (Light)	\$11.48
Truck Driver (Tandem Axel Semi-Trailer)	\$12.27
Work Zone Barricade Servicer	\$11.67

**Welders - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.**

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# Harris County Road and Bridge Construction Worker Classifications Quarter 1 of 2022



## **State: Texas**

Construction Type: Highway

Counties: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Orange and Waller Counties in Texas.

**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** (excluding tunnels, building structures in rest area projects, and railroad construction; bascule, suspension & spandrel arch bridges; bridges designed for commercial navigation; bridges involving marine construction; other major bridges).

## **Asphalt Distributor Operator**

Drives distributor truck, sets spray bars and operates valves and levers to control distribution of bituminous material for highway surfacing. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

## **Asphalt Paving Machine Operator**

Operates paving machine that spreads and levels asphaltic concrete on highway subgrade. Controls movement of machine, raises and lowers screed, regulates width of screed. May, oil, grease, service and make adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

## **Asphalt Raker**

Distributes asphaltic materials evenly over road surface by raking and brushing material to correct thickness; directs Laborers when to add or take away material to fill low spots or to reduce high spots. Performs other related duties.

## **Asphalt Shoveler**

A general term used on construction work covering many unskilled classifications requiring work of a physical nature. A laborer works with all crews doing everything from pick and shovel work to cleaning up lumber with hammer, shoveling and placing concrete, uses air tools, cleans concrete joints and fills joints with sealing compound from bucket or with hose and nozzle from a central source, applies coating of oil to inside face of forms, may help set and strip forms, unloads and transports reinforcing steel, cures newly poured concrete, helps lower pipe into ditch for pipelayers, builds fences, works with dirt crew keeping construction layout stakes out of the way of dirt moving equipment.

## **Broom or Sweeper Operator**

Operates a self-propelled machine to sweep and clean roadway surfaces. May oil grease, service and make adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

## **Bulldozer Operator**

Operates a crawler tractor with a bulldozer mounted in front of chassis to level, distribute and push earth or other material. May operate a ripper attachment to break up rock or other hard material. May use a push block on front of tractor to push load scrapers. May oil grease, or otherwise service and make minor repairs to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

## **Carpenter (Rough)**

Works from plans to build, assemble, fit together, align, plum, and set in place forms for molding concrete structures. Forms may be wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass or any other type of material. Checks form while concrete is placed. May install miscellaneous materials integral to concrete structures. May set precast concrete elements. Prepares for slipforming traffic rail and median barrier. May install permanent metal deck forms. May work with power tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Finisher (Paving)**

Finishes the exposed surfaces of fresh concrete paving, median barrier and every element of concrete structures to the final grade and contour structures to the final grade and contour with the use of straight edges and steel trowels. Operates bridge deck finishing machine. Finishes concrete curbs and gutters. Finishes exposed surface of concrete after forms have been removed by patching imperfections with fresh concrete, rubbing surface with abrasive stone, and directing others in removing excess or defective concrete with power tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Finisher (Structures)**

A worker semi-skilled in concrete finishing who assists Concrete finisher by performing specific or general duties of lesser skill and keeping Concrete Finisher supplied with materials, tools, and supplies; cleaning working area and equipment; and holding materials and tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Paving Curbing, Machine Operator**

Operates self - propelled machine(s) which may or may not travel on concrete paving forms, spreading and leveling fresh concrete to grade by use of augers and screeds. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make adjustments to equipment as necessary. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Paving Finishing, Machine Operator**

Operates self - propelled machine(s) which may or may not travel on concrete paving forms, spreading and leveling fresh concrete to grade by use of augers and screeds. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make adjustments to equipment as necessary. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Paving Joint Sealer, Operator**

Cleans and seals joints requiring a hot or cold sealing compound in concrete paving, sidewalks, driveway and approach slabs. May oil, grease or make necessary repairs adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Paving Saw Operator**

Operates a water - cooled power saw with either or an abrasive blade to saw expansion and contraction joints in concrete paving. May also be used to saw asphaltic pavements. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Paving Spreader, Operator**

Operates self - propelled machine(s) which may or may not travel on concrete paving forms, spreading and leveling fresh concrete to grade by use of augers and screeds. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make adjustments to equipment as necessary. Performs other related duties.

### **Concrete Rubber**

Finishes the exposed surface of concrete masonry after the forms have been removed by patching holes and broken corners with fresh concrete, rubbing surface with abrasive stone to remove rough spots, and removing high spots and defective concrete with hand chisel and hammer or pneumatic chisel and powered abrasive stone. Performs other related duties.

### **Crane, Clamshell, Backhoe, Derrick, Dragline, Shovel Operator**

A worker who operates a lattice boom type crane can hoist and move materials, raise and lower heavy weights and perform other related operations. May be crawler type or rubber tired. May include placement of rock riprap, clamshell, dragline, pipe and pile driving operations. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Crusher and Screed Plant Operator**

Operates a crusher or screening plant through which rock is run to break it into crushed stone for construction or to control flow of materials not needed. May include minor repairs and may service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Electrician**

Plans and directs the layout of metal electrical conduit, installs wiring systems, switch-panels, buss bars, works on overhead distribution systems and underground distribution systems. Performs other related duties.

### **Flagger**

A worker who directs traffic in or around a construction site. May use signs or devices to direct traffic. May help assemble, position and clean devices or equipment used to direct traffic. Must be able to effectively communicate with the public. May require certain level of training by TXDOT specifications. Performs other related duties.

### **Form Builder/Setter (Structures)**

Works from plans to build, assemble, fit together, align, plum, and set in place forms for molding concrete structures. Forms may be wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass or any other type of material. Checks forms while concrete is placed. May install miscellaneous materials integral to concrete structures. May set precast concrete elements. Prepares for slipforming traffic rail and median barrier. May install permanent metal deck forms. May work with power tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Form Liner (Paving & Curb)**

Fits together, aligns and sets to grade metal and wooden forms for placement of concrete paving and curbs. Works with survey crew to set stringline for paving, curb, and gutter curb. Performs other related duties.

### **Form Setter (Paving & Curb)**

Fits together, aligns and sets to grade metal and wooden forms for placement of concrete paving and curbs. Works with survey crew to set stringline for paving, curb, and gutter curb. Performs other related duties.

### **Foundation Drill Operator, (Crawler Mounted)**

Operates a hole-drilling machine that is crawler mounted. May include geotechnical operations such as soils nails, rock nails, tiebacks, anchors and jet grouting. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Foundation Drill Operator, (Truck Mounted)**

Operates a hole drilling machine that is mounted on the rear of a rubber tired vehicle or truck. May include soils nails, rock nails, tiebacks, anchors and jet grouting. Drive truck from location to location or may have laborer who drives truck. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Front End Loader Operator**

Operates a rubber tired, skid steer or crawler type tractor with an attached scoop type bucket on front end. Machine is used to load materials from stockpiles, excavation, charging batch plants, loading and unloading trucks. May be used with attachments in lieu of the bucket. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Laborer, Common**

A general term used on construction work covering many unskilled classifications requiring work of a physical nature. A laborer works with all crews doing everything from pick and shovel work to cleaning up lumber with hammer, shoveling and placing concrete, uses air tools, cleans concrete joints and fills joints with sealing compound from bucket or with hose and nozzle from a central source, applies coating of oil to inside face of forms, may help set and strip forms, unloads and transports reinforcing steel, cures newly poured concrete, helps lower pipe into ditch for pipelayers, builds fences, works with dirt crew keeping construction layout stakes out of the way of dirt moving equipment.

### **Laborer, Utility**

Performs a variety of manual duties, usually working in a utility capacity by working on multiple projects and tasks where demands require workmen with varied experience and ability to work without close direction. Unloads and transports reinforcing steel. May occasionally place and tie reinforcing steel. Directs common laborers in pouring concrete. Erects shoring and bracing. Assists in installation of pipe. Installs, operate and maintains dewatering systems. May assist equipment operators in positioning machines, verifying grades and signaling operators. Directs truck drivers and scraper operators to dumping positions to maintain grades as directed. Uses power tools and air tools. May work as lead man in a labor crew. His performance of a wide variety of construction jobs distinguishes him from a helper assigned to a specific craft. Installs and maintains erosion control. Is more or less a general utility construction worker. May be second step in learning a skill, and may later become a helper in a specific classification. Performs other related duties.

### **Manhole Builder**

Constructs a means of permanent access to water and sewer lines for maintenance purposes. This work consists of laying brick or concrete slab at bottom of ditch up to an approximate grade line near the surface of the ground. Brick or block is normally laid to form a nearly circular manhole. Brick or block is laid in by eyesight and is normally to a plumb line. Chipped or culled brick can be used quite often is. No effort may be made to keep mortar off the face of the brick and joints are not pointed. May apply coating of concrete to interior and exterior surface. Performs other related duties.

### **Mechanic**

Assembles, set up, adjusts and maintains and repairs all types of construction equipment and trucks. He may perform the duties of a welder in repair of equipment. Performs other related duties.

### **Milling Machine Operator, (Fine Grade)**

Operates a power-driven milling machine that planes material of the to roadbed and discharges the material into a hauling unit or a windrow. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Mixer Operator**

Performs a variety of manual duties, usually working in a utility capacity by working on multiple projects and tasks where demands require workmen with varied experience and ability to work without close direction. Unloads and transports reinforcing steel. May occasionally place and tie reinforcing steel. Directs common laborers in pouring concrete. Erects shoring and bracing. Assists in installation of pipe. Installs, operate and maintains dewatering systems. May assist equipment operators in positioning machines, verifying grades and signaling operators. Directs truck drivers and scraper operators to dumping positions to maintain grades as directed. Uses power tools and air tools. May work as lead man in a labor crew. His performance of a wide variety of construction jobs distinguishes him from a helper assigned to a specific craft. Installs and maintains erosion control. Is more or less a general utility construction worker. May be second step in learning a skill, and may later become a helper in a specific classification. Performs other related duties.

### **Motor Grader Operator (Rough)**

Operates a motor grader. Equipment is used to grade excavation and embankment and to lay asphalt , base and other materials. May blade haul roads and do other general motor grader work, but does not perform finish grade work to close specification tolerances. This operator may be a learner in the first phase of learning the skills of motor grader work. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

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### **Oiler**

A learner or semi-skilled worker who under the direction of the watch engineer May oil and grease or otherwise service all engines and necessary equipment as needed. He may clean and paint engine room as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Painter (Structures)**

Paints and stains structural steel and concrete surfaces of bridges, retaining walls, or other structures. Directs cleaning and abrasive blasting of surfaces prior to painting or staining. Performs other related duties.

### **Pavement Marking Machine, Operator**

Operates machine used in laying paint stripes or markers on all types of paving. Loads machine with appropriate materials and may walk or ride on machine. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Piledriverman**

Sets in place, aligns, plumbs directs driving of timber, concrete, steel, pipe and any other type of piling. Sets, drives and pulls steel, concrete and other types of sheet piling. Rigs pile and leads and bracing. Signals operator. Splices piles before and after driving. Directs pile cutoff. May direct jetting or drilling equipment in connection with installing piles to grade. Performs other related duties.

### **Pipelayer**

Installs concrete, clay, steel, ductile iron, plastic, corrugated pipe and any other type of pipe for storm drainage, water lines, gas lines and sanitary sewer lines. Lays underground communication and electrical ducts. May install and set electrical ground boxes, hand holes, manholes, inlets and other structures. Caulks joints, make threaded and flanged connections. Installs valves and other accessories. Performs other related duties.

### **Reinforcing Steel Setter, (Paving)**

Works from plans to lay out and install reinforcing steel within forms or in mats of concrete paving. May direct unloading of material. Determines rigging required to complete work. Gives direction to reinforcing steel worker (helper) or common or utility laborers. May install miscellaneous materials integral to concrete structure or paving. May work with power tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Reinforcing Steel Setter, (Structure)**

Works from plans to lay out and install reinforcing steel within forms or in mats of concrete paving. May direct unloading of material. Determines rigging required to complete work. Gives direction to reinforcing steel worker (helper) or common or utility laborers. May install miscellaneous materials integral to concrete structure or paving. May work with power tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Roller Operator, Pneumatic, (Self-Propelled)**

Operates a self-propelled machine with either steel wheels pneumatic tires, which is used to compact and smooth all bituminous materials. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Roller Operator, Steel Wheel, Flat Wheel/Tamping**

Operates a self-propelled machine with either steel wheels or pneumatic tires which is used to compact earth fills, subgrade, flexible base and all other types of materials except bituminous. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Roller Operator, Steel Wheel, Plant Mix Pavement**

Operates a self-propelled machine with either steel wheels pneumatic tires, which is used to compact and smooth all bituminous materials. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Scraper Operator**

Operates a self-contained wheeled tractor scraper both self loading or assisted by crawler tractors or other scrapers. Used to excavate and transport earth or other materials. May oil, grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Servicer**

Drives a truck, which carries various fuels, oils, greases and filters. Must have knowledge of and is responsible for the correct oiling and greasing and changing of filters on equipment according to the manufacturers' specifications. Uses compressed air grease guns, wrenches and other tools. May make adjustments to clutches, brakes and other mechanical items. Keeps record of service preventive maintenance records. May have laborer assisting him. May require CDL if driving truck on public highways. Performs other related duties.

### **Sign Installer (PGM)**



Sets forms, reinforcing steel, anchor bolts and pours concrete for Sign foundations. Fabricates and erects pipe and angle Frameworks by bolting, welding or other means prior to installation of signs that are normally prefabricated. Works from plans in location and drilling holes for proper location and alignment of signs. May direct hoisting of signs into place. Fastens signs to framework by bolting and other means. Locates and sets lighting brackets. May perform other work associated with signing projects. Supervises sign erector helper. Performs other related duties.

### **Slip Form Machine Operator**

Cleans and seals joints requiring a hot or cold sealing compound in concrete paving, sidewalks, driveway and approach slabs. May oil, grease or make necessary repairs adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Spreader Box Operator**

Operates spreader box by adjusting hopper and strike off blade so that the gravel, stone or other material may be spread to a specific depth on road surface during seal coat and surface treatment operations. May oil, grease or other wise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Structural Steel Worker**

Works from plans to lay out and install reinforcing steel within forms or in mats of concrete paving. May direct unloading of material. Determines rigging required to complete work. Gives direction to reinforcing steel worker (helper) or common or utility laborers. May install miscellaneous materials integral to concrete structure or paving. May work with power tools. Performs other related duties.

### **Tractor operator (Crawler Type)**

Operates a crawler tractor with a bulldozer mounted in front of chassis to level, distribute and push earth or other material. May operate a ripper attachment to break up rock or other hard material. May use a push block on front of tractor to push load scrapers. May oil grease, or otherwise service and make minor repairs to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Tractor operator, Pneumatic**

Operates a gasoline or diesel powered agricultural tractor that tows compaction rollers, plow, disc. water tanks, scrapers and other similar operations. May use other miscellaneous attachments. May oil. Grease or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

### **Traveling Mixer Operator**

Drives a gasoline or diesel truck upon which is mounted a concrete mixer. Operates concrete mixer and dumps concrete on the grade, into forms or into concrete pumps or buckets. Cleans mixer drum. May require CDL license for on highway use. May service and make necessary adjustments for proper operation of equipment. Performs other related duties.

### **Truck driver, Lowboy-Float**

Drives a heavy-duty diesel powered truck to which is attached a trailer upon which heavy equipment is hauled. Driver is often required to operate heavy equipment to load or unload the lowboy. May require CDL license for on highway use. May service and make necessary adjustments for proper operation of equipment. Performs other related duties.

### **Truck driver, Single Axle, (Heavy)**

Drive a light capacity truck for transporting loads of construction material. The truck is of single rear axle type, may have various kinds of beds attached, such as dump, flat bed, tank, etc. May require CDL license for driving on highway. May services and make necessary adjustments for proper operation equipment. Performs other related duties

### **Truck driver, Single Axle, (Light)**

Drive a light capacity truck for transporting loads of construction material. The truck is of single rear axle type, may have various kinds of beds attached, such as dump, flat bed, tank, etc. May require CDL license for driving on highway. May services and make necessary adjustments for proper operation equipment. Performs other related duties

### **Truck Driver (Tandem Axel Semi-Trailer)**

Drives a diesel-powered tractor pulling a semi trailer hauling materials. Hauls dirt, rock, aggregates or other material. May require CDL license for driving on highway. May service and make necessary adjustments for proper operation of equipment. Performs other related duties.

### **Work Zone Barricade Servicer**

Fabricates, erects and maintains temporary traffic control devices, including arrow boards, signs, barricades, channelizing devices, barrels and all message boards. May operates a truck during traffic control operations.

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