Unions and Jobs

If you want a career in pipeline, you need to become a union member with one of the four trades that build the pipelines in Canada. There are many jobs associated with building the pipelines in Canada. Here are a list of jobs and the unions associated with them.

Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA)

General Labourer	A person qualified to perform a task that requires physical labour at any stage of the pipeline process.
Specialized Labourer	A person qualified to assist and perform specific tasks at any stage of the pipeline process.
Swamper	A person qualified to handle hose assemblies on equipment and trucks.
Certified Coater	A person specialized in applying coatings to the pipe on pipeline projects.
Nozzleman	A person qualified to handle the nozzle for sandblasting and high-pressure jet operations.
Flagger	A person employed to control traffic.

To inquire about the skills, qualifications, and training required to become a member of LiUNA for the above positions, visit: http://www.liuna.ca/

The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)

Group 1, Group 2 & Intermediate Operators	A person qualified to operate various heavy equipment, such as dozers, excavators, side booms, graders, and farm tractors.
Apprentice Operator/Oiler	A person qualified to oil, grease, clean, and assist the operators on the heavy equipment.
Certified Journeymen	A person qualified to be a mechanic, utility welder, or crane operator (must have an interprovincial Red Seal).

To inquire about the skills, qualifications, and training required to become a member of the IUOE for the above positions, visit: https://www.iuoe.org/about-iuoe/iuoe-canada.

Teamsters Canada

Group 1 Teamster	A person qualified to drive various trucks on pipeline projects, such as lowbeds, picker trucks, dump trucks over 12 yards, etc., or a person qualified to operate the project's on-site warehouse.
Group 2 Teamster	A person qualified to drive various trucks on pipeline projects, such as a fuel truck under 4000 gallons, a flatbed truck over 5 tons, a dump truck 8 yards to 12 yards, etc., or a person qualified to assist in the pipeline project's on-site warehouse.

Group 3 Teamster	A person qualified to drive a flatbed truck under 5 tons, a bus, or a crew cab, or to operate a forklift.

To inquire about the skills, qualifications, and training required to become a member of the Teamsters for the above positions, visit: http://teamsters.ca/en/

United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA)

Welder	A person qualified and capable of welding the first, second, or third bead and able to weld two sections of pipe together, or a section of pipe to a fitting.
Spacer	A person qualified to line up and space in preparation for welding two sections of pipe, or a section of pipe and a fitting.
Stabber	A person qualified to place a section of pipe in preparation for spacing and welding.
Helper	A person qualified to assist in buffing and grinding in preparation for a weld.

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