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...sometimes they are out to collect revenue. A few years ago I was texting, speeding, leaving no seat belt, got a "tax bill" for changing lanes without using a signal on a 6 lane highway. Obstructing traffic would've been a prize deal at that point but they wouldn't switch it to that. Page 2 Update, On obstruction of highway charge, I received a fine. This was a mandatory court appearance in the city of Camden. It was a huge waste of time and I should've just been allowed to pay this ticket. So for those of you that get this charge and have a mandatory court appearance, worry not, just go to court, and all will be well. Thank you to all of the people on this forum that helped me. Special thanks to captn76. Page 3 Piscataway is a rather large town, so you may want to specify little more closely what part you're trying to get to. Generally speaking, 18 is slow. Centennial is slow past all the strip malls, the 287 interchange on Stetson over by Hadley is a real mess, and Washington can be a bit slow getting to town. That said, relative to the sorts of traffic seen in most other parts of NJ, it's not bad at all. I'd agree with the I-78/US-22 recommendation over the GSP -> 287 route for sure. I'd anticipate your biggest traffic issues will be that 24 is a mess and you'll lose a couple minutes coming down into the Watchung Circle from Exit 40 in the mornings. For 22, it'll be just the general variability of that road with the lights, shopping, etc. Page 4 I, too, yes, I gave you Garfield, but the schools are a 4 out of 10. I didn't realize they were so low. I was thinking of space and your budget, and the most difficult part of your requirements, which is the 30-minutes-from-NYC thing. Page 5 Any advice from ESL professionals in NJ on how to teach ESL? I'm not sure, but I think it's a good idea to have a teacher who speaks the language and can help with the basics. I'm not sure if that's a good idea or not, but I think it's worth considering. Page 6 Astoria is a very small room with no windows, and it's a bit higher than what I pay currently for my current room in Flushing. I saw a room in JC that is a lot cheaper, probably 50% cheaper than what I pay now. The room is bigger, the place has access to the rooftop, and also has cable tv. Over all, this seems to be the most practical deal here. However, here is the problem. I normally get home around 10 or 11 pm due to work, school, social life and I just walked around a bit in JC from Journal Square just to get a feel. The area seems nice but JSO feels very shady. I saw a bunch of black people fighting, and some scary looking people as well. 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and this little old man used to come in and sit at the bar for a few hours and then his middle-aged son would come pick him up. My ex was nice to the old man, and it turned out the son was connected to the union. I don't know if it works that way everywhere, though. 01-18-2010, 12:41 PM Location: Prostitution Central (Hookerville), formerly in Tweakerville 15,184 posts, read 33,231,815 times Reputation: 9854 Yes, you have to be a union member to get a longshoremen job. The openings are few, a few and far between, and when there is an opening, there are hundreds of union applicants to apply for them. 07-16-2010, 05:31 AM 1 posts, read 29,772 times Reputation: 12 I got on by way of a lottery. It used to be that no one was hired on as a Casual unless you were family. The Feds finally forced the ILWU to open up a certain percentage to the general public. for the entire Westcoast. I sent in a 3x5 card and it was drawn from 8 to 10,000 others from a barrel. There were 234 drawn. check out the odds. I don't expect this to happen again for many years. Keep your ears open however, because casuals aren't getting much work and many give it up. If the casual workforce drops to a low enough point the local union will publish an ad in your local newspaper for applicants. Be sharp because they don't make a big deal out of it. One ad may be it. It is very lucrative. As a registered B-Man I can earn \$500 to \$800 per shift. Good luck! Jim 07-16-2010, 10:47 AM 1,736 posts, read 4,815,939 times Reputation: 1445 It would be easier and you would have a better chance to become an Astronaut than get a longshoreman job. 07-16-2010, 01:52 PM 13,071 posts, read 19,439,531 times Reputation: 9350 Quote: Originally Posted by Jim115 I got on by way of a lottery. It used to be that no one was hired on as a Casual unless you were family. The Feds finally forced the ILWU to open up a certain percentage to the general public.for the entire Westcoast. 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Can you confirm that? 07-16-2010, 05:51 PM Location: Prostitution Central (Hookerville), formerly in Tweakerville 15,184 posts, read 33,231,815 times Reputation: 9854 The work is very physically demanding. You have to be able to load and unload luggage, boxes and other items that are extremely heavy, and you also need to be fast. 07-17-2010, 07:07 AM 8,263 posts, read 12,442,915 times Reputation: 4802 The epitome of overpaid union job, get in line.That's the union that (in)famously fought the introduction of bar code readers since they had guys making 90k writing down big numbers in pencil. Please register to post and access all features of our very popular forum. It is free and quick. Over \$68,000 in prizes has already been given out to active posters on our forum. Additional giveaways are planned. Detailed information about all U.S. cities, counties, and zip codes on our site: City-data.com. Page 15 07-17-2010, 02:07 PM Location: Spokane via Sydney,Australia 6,612 posts, read 13,068,897 times Reputation: 3132 Quote: Originally Posted by moved The work is very physically demanding. You have to be able to load and unload luggage, boxes and other items that are extremely heavy, and you also need to be fast. Luggage? You sure you're not confusing longshoremen (or wharfies to an Aussie) with baggage handlers? 07-17-2010, 02:39 PM 367 posts, read 1,099,965 times Reputation: 313 Longshoreman make a lot of money because of OT. Don't become a longshoreman and think you're going to work 40 hours a week and make 6 figures. People make 6 figures as longshoreman, but they work for it. 12-28-2010, 12:40 AM 29 posts, read 198,193 times Reputation: 29 Casual Longshoreman Quote: Originally Posted by Jim115 I got on by way of a lottery. It used to be that no one was hired on as a Casual unless you were family. The Feds finally forced the ILWU to open up a certain percentage to the general public.for the entire Westcoast. I sent in a 3x5 card and it was drawn from 8 to 10,000 others from a barrel. There were 234 drawn. check out the odds. I don't expect this to happen again for many years. Keep your ears open however, because casuals aren't getting much work and many give it up. If the casual workforce drops to a low enough point the local union will publish an ad in your local newspaper for applicants. Be sharp because they don't make a big deal out of it. One ad may be it. It is very lucrative. As a registered B-Man I can earn \$500 to \$800 per shift. Good luck! Jim I was recently recieved an application for a nonregistered casual longshoreman worker. I am wondering how much can a casual worker earn and how long does it take before a casual longshoreman becomes an identified longshoreman. Also, it is worth it to become an casual longshoreman. by the way, I am a woman. 12-29-2010, 11:28 AM Status: ""The people have the power to redeem the work of fools"" (set 11 days ago) Location: Elsewhere 92,135 posts, read 90,511,918 times Reputation: 120492 Quote: Originally Posted by heeha Has anyone worked as a Longshoreman? I heard they get paid really good. I was once married to one who worked on the NJ docks. You had to have a connection to get a job. He happened to have gotten out of the army and was bartending. This middle-aged man used to bring his elderly father to the bar and leave him there for a while. My ex was nice to the old man, and it turned out the son was the shop steward. 02-10-2011, 02:51 PM 3 posts, read 88,068 times Reputation: 17 Hi. I'm a longshoreman in the Pacific Northwest. I get paid well and have great benefits. If you want a real life perspective on being a longshoreman then check out my blog at:Life On The Docks Send me all your questions and I will do my best to answer them. 2 months ago (December 2011) they were hiring but I only had one card to hand out. If you are a female, most often you don't have to do Lashing. I would definitely think about it. Casuals make anywhere from \$16-\$26 to start off. I hope this helps.-The Lazy Longshoreman 02-10-2011, 05:48 PM Location: East of Seattle since 1992, 615' Elevation, Zone 8b - originally from SF Bay Area 45,985 posts, read 85,672,345 times Reputation: 60700 Quote: Originally Posted by lazylongshoreman Hi. I'm a longshoreman in the Pacific Northwest. -The Lazy Longshoreman Looking forward to future posts on your blog. I spend a few days a month on the docks myself, working for the Port and have a lot of respect for you and the others, and thanks for not running over me in my little white car! 02-27-2011, 03:30 PM 3 posts, read 88,068 times Reputation: 17 Thanks for following my blog on longshoring. Quote: Originally Posted by bisjoe Looking forward to future posts on your blog. I spend a few days a month on the docks myself, working for the Port and have a lot of respect for you and the others, and thanks for not running over me in my little white car! Hi bisjoe, Thanks for following my blog. Glad to have the support from a fellow longshoreman. If you have awesome photos or video footage you'd like to share feel free to send them my way and I will post them on my Facebook page: Life on The Docks. In my latest blog I talk about using the work tape to your advantage, something which you might be familiar with. I'd love to hear your feedback. I can always use new ideas.-lazy longshoreman Life On The Docks 06-14-2011, 04:19 PM 1 posts, read 42,793 times Reputation: 16 I don't know if I'd consider them over paid, considering how dangerous the work can be. A worker at my husband's dock was killed on the job last year. Personally I think other employees in dangerous occupations should be paid more as well, rather than paying Longshoremen less. 04-10-2012, 10:42 AM 1 posts, read 41,706 times Reputation: 11 Hi- What is the address that you sent the 3x5 card to? Thank you!! 04-10-2012, 11:21 PM Location: Metro Detroit, Michigan 32,292 posts, read 27,257,127 times Reputation: 30904 This work is physically demanding and can be dangerous. That's how it goes with a lot of the higher paying trade type jobs. Same thing with underwater welding. Everyone hears about how much they can make. They get paid extremely well, easily grossing 100K, but that is one of the most dangerous jobs out there. Choose your careers wisely Please register to post and access all features of our very popular forum. It is free and quick. Over \$68,000 in prizes has already been given out to active posters on our forum. Additional giveaways are planned. Detailed information about all U.S. cities, counties, and zip codes on our site: City-data.com. Page 16 Becoming a casual longshoreman is definitely a career move that you have to be disciplined and patient with to start off. I started off as a casual, in 2012. For one whole year, i had to be at the hiring hall from morning til night just to collect enough hours to eventually get promoted to a B level longshoreman. It is not an easy task!! The benefits of getting a B book are a huge reward; however, the casual phase can be a long and arduous journey. It seems like you will never make it to the next level, but just prepare yourself, be patient, determined, and stay focused. It will happen as long as you want it bad enough. Just 13 months ago, I was reading blogs on how to become a longshoreman...I am happy to say, I am now a B level longshoreman that will never forget the grueling year I spent as a casual! Stay strong, and never give up, or get discouraged. Good Luck!! Page 17 One thing to keep in mind is that the work does not have regular hours. Longshoremen work when that cargo ship arrives at the port and starts unloading and reloading, usually round the clock, until it is ready to sail again. In all kinds of weather. Page 18 I'm looking forward to become a longshoremen fulltime for n/ny where can I apply for applications at. My grandfather retired years ago as an longshoremen nj, but hes very sick now nothing he can do. I want to continue where he left off. Any advice email at [email]jimmybrassi718@gmail.com/[email] thank you Page 19 06-30-2019, 02:08 PM 135 posts, read 95,603 times Reputation: 594 I know of a couple of people who were fired in pretty dramatic circumstances. When I worked at a small accounting firm about a decade ago, one woman did not get along well with this one manager at all. She basically got into a shouting match with the manager and was fired on the spot. A few months later, she was hired by another accounting firm. I looked her up, and she is now a manager herself at the accounting firm that hired her. Obviously, her firing didn't affect her that much in the long run. Another person is someone at my current job who had some personality conflicts with management and he got kicked out on the spot after a confrontation with my boss (and his boss at the time). A few months later, he got hired on at an accounting firm in a different city, making more money than what he made at the job he was fired from.Both of these people left on very bad terms, but yet they were just speed bumps in their career paths. I've always heard that you should be worried about "burning bridges," but these people practically nuked their bridges and they came out alright. Accounting firms generally have extremely high turnover, so there's not much of a bridge to burn. As they need SOMEONE to do the work. Some places practically have revolving doors, lol. I've known tons of accountants who were fired or got into screaming matches and quit and turned around and got another job quite easily. In other fields, there might be more of a bridge to burn. Last edited by Taffee72; 06-30-2019 at 02:31 PM.. 06-30-2019, 02:33 PM Location: Aurora Denveralis 8,711 posts, read 7,150,258 times Reputation: 13514 Quote: Originally Posted by Taffee72 Accounting firms generally have extremely high turnover, so there's not much of a bridge to burn. I've never worked in either field, but I've been told by friends who do that accounting and insurance have very long memories. A friend's wife with over ten years as an actuary did not dare look for a job during his 2-year assignment to another base, because the short tenure would reflect badly on her for the rest of her career. She worked waitress under her maiden name for the duration. Maybe that's changed, since accountants are pretty much first in line to be hit by the AI express. 06-30-2019, 03:03 PM 10,071 posts, read 7,864,065 times Reputation: 15510 Quote: Originally Posted by Quietude I've never worked in either field, but I've been told by friends who do that accounting and insurance have very long memories. A friend's wife with over ten years as an actuary did not dare look for a job during his 2-year assignment to another base, because the short tenure would reflect badly on her for the rest of her career. She worked waitress under her maiden name for the duration. Maybe that's changed, since accountants are pretty much first in line to be hit by the AI express. really depends on the field, people PRN at multiple places, and when they are fed up with somewhere, they stop taking hours there for a while. (need 1 shift per month to stay on payroll). People go away for months at a time and have to get re-hired to put back on the payroll. But it happens often enough that people aren't sure if they went on vacation or officially "quit". until they are heard from again in a few months and they come back with a tan lol! It's fine to job hop between employers because well, they are so short they don't have a choice :((shortgage = can't be picky as long as they have a history of good work). Or people job hop every 2 years to get the sign on bonus, then leave once they are vested and start over again. Most hospitals use the same instruments and computer systems (there's only a handful of them anyway) so there is little "relearning". But they make sure not to burn bridges when they job hop because they know they will be back later. So what happens is they get a full time job, and a PRN job, then flip the 2 and the PRN becomes full time and the full time becomes PRN. Working 1 day a month to stay "active". They bounce between the 2 hospital systems for the sign-on bonuses (and PTO payout when leaving). If they don't get a raise in between, the sign on bonuses (and PTO) make up for it. Healthcare isn't a large field and with a new clinic opening every year and no new people moving into area, every clinic is sharing the same pool of staff. The healthcare workers shortage is mostly due to so many clinics opening up, if there were fewer of them, the staffing could be concentrated and there would be no shortage. But then the accessibility would be lower as well. It's either increase accessibility and spread workforce thin, or concentrate workforce and lower accessibility 06-30-2019, 03:06 PM Location: Texas 13,478 posts, read 8,852,776 times Reputation: 25989 Quote: Originally Posted by Surfer Guy I know of a couple of people who were fired in pretty dramatic circumstances. When I worked at a small accounting firm about a decade ago, one woman did not get along well with this one manager at all. She basically got into a shouting match with the manager and was fired on the spot. A few months later, she was hired by another accounting firm. I looked her up, and she is now a manager herself at the accounting firm that hired her. Obviously, her firing didn't affect her that much in the long run.. Sounds like she is an aggressive person who will get ahead no matter what. 06-30-2019, 04:15 PM 5,981 posts, read 3,053,789 times Reputation: 9040 What advantage do you gain from burning bridges, outside of the temporary ego boost in getting to "tell them off", which never helps you in the long run? 06-30-2019, 04:41 PM 4,985 posts, read 4,176,085 times Reputation: 10158 yes, it matters to someone.somehow. 06-30-2019, 04:44 PM Location: southern california 61,245 posts, read 89,178,837 times Reputation: 55606 I never burn them no matter how bad the experience but just bek I did not burn the bridge does not mean I must cross it again Please register to post and access all features of our very popular forum. It is free and quick. Over \$68,000 in prizes has already been given out to active posters on our forum. Additional giveaways are planned. Detailed information about all U.S. cities, counties, and zip codes on our site: City-data.com.

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