

## **7411 Truck Drivers**

Truck drivers operate heavy trucks to transport goods and materials over urban, interurban, provincial and international routes. They are employed by transportation companies, manufacturing and distribution companies, moving companies and employment service agencies, or they may be self-employed. This unit group also includes shunters who move trailers to and from loading docks within trucking yards or lots.

## **Example Titles**

Bulk Goods Truck Driver  
Dump Truck Driver  
Flatbed Truck Driver  
Logging Truck Driver  
Long Haul Truck Driver  
Moving Van Driver  
Shunt Truck Driver  
Tow Truck Driver  
Truck Driver  
Truck Driver, Heavy Truck  
Truck Driver, Tractor-Trailer

## **Main Duties**

Long-haul truck drivers perform some or all of the following duties:  
Operate and drive straight or articulated trucks, weighing over 4600 kg with three or more axles, to transport goods and material to destinations  
Oversee all aspects of vehicles, such as condition of equipment, loading and unloading, and safety and security of cargo  
Perform pre-trip inspection of vehicle systems and equipment such as tires, lights, brakes and cold storage  
Perform emergency roadside repairs  
Obtain special permits and other documents required to transport cargo on international routes  
Record cargo information, distance travelled, fuel consumption and other information in log book or on on-board computer  
Communicate with dispatcher and other drivers using two-way radio, cellular telephone and on-board computer  
May drive as part of a two-person team or convoy  
May transport hazardous products or dangerous goods.  
Line-haul and local truck drivers perform some or all of the following duties:  
Operate and drive straight trucks to transport goods and materials over urban and short inter-urban routes

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May drive lighter, special purpose trucks such as tow trucks, dump trucks, hydrovac trucks or cement mixing trucks

Perform pre-trip inspection and oversee all aspects of vehicles such as condition of equipment, and loading and unloading of cargo.

## **Employment Requirements**

Completion of secondary school is usually required.

On-the-job training is provided.

A Class D licence is required to drive straight trucks.

A Class A licence is required to drive articulated trucks.

Air brake endorsement (Z) is required for drivers who operate vehicles equipped with air brakes.

Transportation of dangerous goods (TDG) certification is required for drivers who transport hazardous products or dangerous goods.

Additional information

Progression to supervisory positions or to non-driving occupations, such as driver trainer, safety officer or truck dispatcher is possible with additional training or experience.

## **Classified Elsewhere**

Drivers of light trucks (in 7414 Delivery and Courier Service Drivers)

Snowplough and garbage truck drivers (in 7422 Public Works Maintenance Equipment Operators)

Supervisors, Motor Transport and Other Ground Transit Operators (7222)

Truck dispatchers (in 1475 Dispatchers and Radio Operators)

Truck driver helpers (in 7622 Railway and Motor Transport Labourers)

Truck driver trainers (in 4131 College and Other Vocational Instructors)

## **Other Titles**

Automobile Carrier Driver

Automobile Transport Driver

Bulk Goods Truck Driver

Bulk Milk Truck Driver

Cement Truck Driver - Construction

Coal Hauler (except underground mining)

Daylighter

Driver, Bulk Milk Truck

Driver, Dump Truck

Driver, Explosives Truck

Driver, Gravel Truck

Driver, Heavy Truck

Driver, Line-Haul

Driver, Logging Truck

Long Haul Tractor-Trailer Driver

Long Haul Truck Driver

Low-Bed Semi-Trailer Driver

Mail Truck Driver - Heavy Trucks

Mobile Cement Mixer Driver

Mobile Concrete Mixer Driver

Mobile Support Equipment Operator (Trucks) -

Military

Moving Van Driver

Muskeg Tractor Operator

Oil Transport Driver

Operator, Gasoline Truck

Operator, Truck

Ready-Mix Driver - Construction

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Driver, Long Haul  
Driver, Low-Bed Semi-Trailer  
Driver, Mobile Concrete Mixer  
Driver, Moving Van  
Driver, Ready-Mix - Construction  
Driver, Ready-Mix truck  
Driver, Tow Truck  
Driver, Transport  
Driver, Truck  
Driver, Truck-Trailer  
Dump Truck Driver  
Explosives Truck Driver  
Flatbed Truck Driver  
Freight Truck Driver  
Fuel Oil Truck Driver  
Gasoline Truck Operator  
Gravel Hauler  
Gravel Truck Driver  
Hauler, Gravel  
Heavy Truck Driver  
Hydrovac Truck Operator  
Line-Haul Driver  
Liquid Fertilizer Truck Driver  
Log Hauler  
Log Truck Driver  
logging truck driver  
Long Distance Truck Driver  
Long Haul Driver  
Long Haul Driver, Groceries  
Ready-Mix Truck Driver  
Recycling Truck Driver  
Shunt Truck Driver  
Shunter - Trucking  
Shunter Truck Driver  
Tank Truck Driver  
Tow Truck Driver  
Tractor-Trailer Driver, Long Haul  
Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver  
Transport Driver  
Truck Driver  
Truck Driver, Bulk Milk  
Truck Driver, Cement - Construction  
Truck Driver, Dangerous Goods  
Truck Driver, Explosives  
Truck Driver, Flatbed  
Truck Driver, Freight  
Truck Driver, Heavy Truck  
Truck Driver, Liquid Fertilizer  
Truck Driver, Long Distance  
Truck Driver, Long Haul  
Truck Driver, Ready-Mix  
Truck Driver, Tractor-Trailer  
Truck Driver, Truck-Trailer  
Truck Mixer Driver - Construction  
Truck Operator  
Truck Owner Operator  
Truck-Trailer Driver  
Trucker

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