

TRUCK/TRACTOR-TRAILER DRIVER



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Description:

Drivers transport and deliver a variety of commodities and products including livestock, grain, waste products, materials, food products, and equipment to various destinations.

Responsibilities include performing basic maintenance on their vehicle, understanding how to operate safety equipment, maintaining trip logs, recording cargo inventory, and knowing how to load, unload and secure cargo.

Working hours and work conditions are regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation based on vehicle grouping (based on licenses acquired by drivers).

1. Class A: Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a combined weight of 26,001 pounds or more and the vehicle being towed is over 10,000 pounds.
2. Class B: A single vehicle carrying 26,001 pounds or more, or towing a vehicle that weighs no more than 10,000 pounds.
3. Class C: A single vehicle that does not meet class A or B requirements but is designed to carry 16 or more people or hazardous material.

Median Wage (as of 2006):

Entry Level Workers – \$10.08/hr.

Experienced Workers - \$25.36/hr.

Level of Education:

Commercial Drivers License (required), on-the-job training/vocational training (required), high school diploma (required for most positions)

Job Outlook (through 2016):

8% increase in number of jobs

Examples of Colleges & Affiliated Programs:

Genesee Valley BOCES (Mt. Morris) – CDL A Truck Driver Training

Niagara Tractor Trailer School – Truck Driver Training

Buffalo CL Training Institute (Monroe) – Class “B” Heavy Straight Truck

Mohawk Valley Community College – Sage Tech Driving School

National Tractor Trailer School – Heavy Truck Driver Course

Employers:

Truck Transportation Industry – New York Carolina Express, Inc.; Covered Wagon Train, Inc.; Harvey & Co., Inc.; Teal's Express, Inc.; Leonard's Express, Inc.

Wholesale or Retail Trade Industry – M & T Trucking, Inc.; Concrete Delivery Co, Inc.; United Parcel Service of America, Inc. (UPS); Wadhams Enterprises, Inc.

High School/College Courses to Take:

Driving Training, Oral and Written Communication, Automotive Mechanics

Related Occupations:

Bus Driver, Taxi Driver, Chauffeur



Cornell University