

CAREER FACT SHEET

Truck Drivers

Snapshot

Truck Drivers drive heavy trucks, removal vans, tankers and tow trucks to transport bulky goods and liquids.

How many are employed in this occupation?	189,500
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,663
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Medium
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Relatively Steady

Main employing industries

Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Mining; Construction; Wholesale Trade

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- manoeuvring vehicles into position for loading and unloading
- loading and unloading vehicles using lifting and tipping devices
- observing safety requirements when loading and unloading vehicles
- making regular quality checks of vehicles to ensure they can be driven safely
- estimating weights to comply with load limitations and ensuring safe distribution of weight
- ensuring goods are stowed and securely covered to prevent loss and damage
- verifying loading documents, checking condition of goods and obtaining certification of deliveries

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Transport, Postal and Warehousing

If you're interested in air, road, maritime, rail or land transport, then the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry could be for you. The Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry is responsible for the safe and prompt delivery of people and goods via a variety of channels, including scenic and sightseeing transport, and for the storage and sorting or «warehousing' of freight before delivery. The sector encompasses logistics (managing & organising the transport), infrastructure, (such as roads, air and rail), and numerous support roles such as customs officers, couriers, tugboat operators and forklift drivers. If you choose this vocational pathway you could work in road transport as a bus, train or taxi driver; in construction as a mobile crane operator; or even in coastal or ocean-going marine operations as a deckhand, engine driver or cook. There are many possibilities!

Possible job pathways

- Air Transport Professionals
- Automobile Drivers
- Bus and Coach Drivers
- Couriers and Postal Deliverers
- Delivery Drivers
- Forklift Drivers
- Freight and Furniture Handlers
- Mail Sorters
- Other Mobile Plant Operators
- Supply and Distribution Managers
- Tourism and Travel Advisers
- Train and Tram Drivers
- Transport Services Managers
- Truck Drivers



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