

CAREER FACT SHEET

Forklift Drivers

Snapshot

Forklift Drivers operate forklifts to move bulk materials, containers, crates, palletised goods, cartons and bales.

How many are employed in this occupation?	64,000
What are the average weekly earnings for full time workers?	\$1,286
How does unemployment compare with other occupations?	Average
What are the job prospects for this occupation?	Low
What will be the likely future employment growth for the next five years?	Relatively Steady

Main employing industries

Manufacturing; Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade

Tasks

This occupation may include associated occupations with varying tasks.

- operating controls to align forklifts and raise and lower forks to stack and unstack items in warehouses, factories, timber yards and shipping terminals
- operating forklifts which run on rails or use electronic guidance systems to control movements in narrow aisles
- transporting goods to designated areas in warehouses, factories, timber yards and shipping terminals
- ensuring goods are stored in correct areas so that they can be easily located when orders are made up
- monitoring equipment operation visually through gauges and instruments and through computerised monitoring equipment
- inspecting and controlling equipment to identify wear and damage
- servicing and performing minor repairs and adjustments to forklifts
- may operate specialised trucks to carry items beneath elevated frames

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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