

Transport Truck Drivers



The transportation of goods across international and provincial boundaries enables Canada’s manufacturing, wholesale, and retail industries. Transport Truck Drivers, integral logistics workers, operate heavy long and short haul trucks to move raw materials and finished products between organizations. They are mainly employed in transportation, manufacturing, distribution, and moving industries. FOCAL projects strong demand for Transport Truck Drivers in the automotive sector, with 300 job openings and a large recruitment gap over the next ten years.

Where do Transport Truck Drivers work?



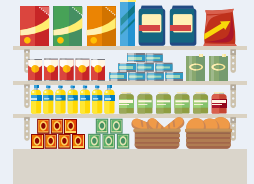
Oil and Gas, Mining, Support Activities



Highway, Street and Bridge Construction



General and Specialized Freight Trucking



Food Merchant Wholesalers

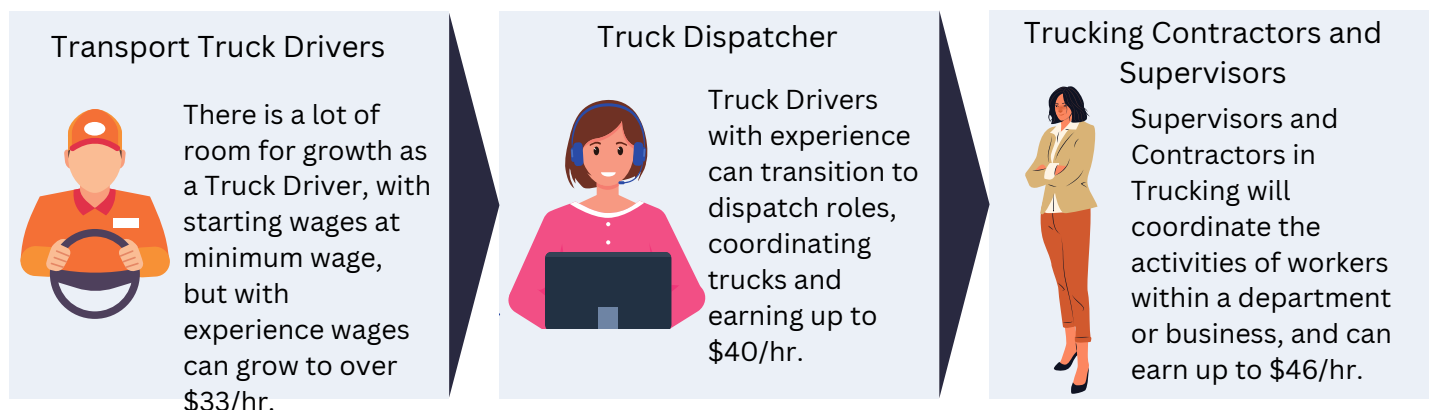
What do Transport Truck Drivers do?

The main task Transport Truck Drivers carry out is the operation of heavy automobiles for transportation of goods, but in performing that task also exercise administrative and logistical functions as well. Below are the most common task for Transport Truck Drivers:

- Operate and drive tractor-trailor, long-combination vehicle and straight-body or straight trucks to transport goods and materials over long distances, or on local and interurban routes
- Perform pre-trip, en route and post-trip inspection of vehicle systems, equipment and accessories such as tires, lights and turning signals, brakes and cold storage
- Record cargo information, hours of service, distance travelled and fuel consumption
- Plan trip logistics and obtain required documentation to transport goods

Career pathways & potential earnings of Transport Truck Drivers

Transport Truck Drivers can progress to other roles with the adequate experience and skills:



Transport Truck Drivers can also apply their skills and expertise in other occupations such as the following:

- Bus drivers, subway operators and other transit operators
- Heavy equipment operators (except crane)

How do I become a Transport Truck Driver?

There are several requirements to work as a Transport Truck Driver in Canada. Some requirements may vary by province or company. Below are the most commonly required qualifications to work as a Truck and Transport Driver:

- **Minimum Education:** Completion of secondary school is usually required. Some employer may require completion of a three month accredited driving program through a vocational school or college.
- **Certification and Licensing:** A class 3 or D license is required to drive straight body trucks. A class 1 or A license is required to drive long combination vehicles. An air brake endorsement (Z) is required for drivers operating vehicles equipped with air brakes. A transportation of dangerous good (TDG) is required for drivers transporting dangerous goods. Driving articulated trucks may require additional licensure.
- **Training and other requirements:** On-the-job training is usually provided.

Education & Training



What are the most important skills to have as a Transport Truck Driver

Transport Truck Drivers usually acquire most of their skills and knowledge through job experience and training for licensure, though courses do exist to facilitate learning. Below are common skills that are needed to excel as a Transport Truck Driver:

Technical Knowledge and Skills

- Transportation
- Operation and Control
- Operations Monitoring
- Customer and Personal Service

Soft Skills

- Time Management
- Troubleshooting
- Selective Attention
- Spatial Orientation
- Control Precision

Future of Transport Truck Drivers jobs in Canada

Transport Truck Drivers are centre pieces in logistics for Canada's dynamic supply chains across industries. In 2021, more than 342,000 long and short haul Transport Truck Drivers were employed across Canada. FOCAL projects more than 300 job openings between 2021 and 2030 within the automotive sector. FOCAL also forecasts that during the same period, 280, or over 90% of those positions will require additional workers to fill recruitment gaps created by labour shortages within the industry. As Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicles become increasingly common place, Transport Truck Drivers will have opportunities to work with new and exciting technologies within their industry.

Jobs and Recruitment



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