

What are the Highest paying driving jobs?

- Oversized load drivers
- Hazmat haulers
- Dump truck drivers for coal mines
- Tanker/liquid hauling
- Specialty car haulers
- Team Driving
- Private fleets

To make a higher wage as a truck driver, more experienced drivers are preferred and a more complex skill set is required.



How to get started

- 1) Pass your states regular driver's license exam. You must have a current driver's license before earning a CDL.
- 2) Obtain and study a CDL manual from www.trucking.idaho.gov/commercial-drivers-license-cdl/
- 3) Get your D.O.T. medical card. Drivers must complete a physical, sight and hearing test. Visit www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/driver-medical-fitness-duty
- 4) Go to a county driver's licensing office to complete a CDL application. Bring your medical card, birth certificate or passport and money to pay fees.
- 5) Take the written tests. Receive a learner's permit.
- 6) Start Professional training. You may choose professional schools, company sponsored programs or community college.
- 7) Take the skills test and obtain your CDL.
- 8) Find job placement assistance. School job boards, or associations can help connect you with employers.



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Consider a Career in the Trucking Industry



Independence
Challenge
Variety
Travel
Living Wage
Vital Industry
Quick Start
Job Security
Flexibility



There are many opportunities in the trucking industry that may be right for you. Besides driving a truck, other careers include technicians, mechanics, freight agents, dispatch and more. Employment of tractor trailer drivers is expected to grow 6% from 2020 to 2030.

It is possible to make a good living in trucking. Many states, including Idaho, offer programs to pay for you to go to truck driving school. Many trucking companies offer company sponsored training.



What types of Driving jobs are there?

Flatbed Trucks transport vehicles, oversized freight, and oddly shaped cargo.

Dry Van Trucks operate large single trailer vehicles containing non-perishable products and dry goods.

Tanker Trucks transport liquids, which is one of the more difficult trucking operations.

Freight Haulers deliver goods that are not covered by dry van drivers.

Refrigerated Freight deliver food, medical products, meats, body products, and other highly perishable goods.

LTL Freight Trucks often make multiple stops during a single day and generally have to unload their own freight. LTL ("less than truckload") means smaller than normal shipments.

Local & Regional remain in or near a single city. Regional truckers often drive around entire states or metropolitan areas. This may include dump, cement or beverage trucks.

Education Required

There are no specific degree requirements to become a truck driver, but some trucking companies prefer a high school diploma or a GED. A commercial driver's license that will allow you to drive a truck over 26,000 pounds is also required for most positions.

Skills Required

To be a truck driver, you must maintain a clean driving record. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, www.fmcsa.dot.gov, you must take and pass the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) Exam, offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation. This consists of a written test and a driving test that you must pass to become a truck driver.

Technology

Now more than ever, trucks are built to keep the driver safe. While the future of trucking will be aimed at making the driver's life easier, we're also heading toward new, zero emissions powertrains. Technology is advancing in braking, collision avoidance, lane departure warnings, trucker fatigue alarms, vehicle-to-vehicle communications, route planning applications, air brakes, power steering, and fuel efficiency.

Duties

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers typically do the following:

Report any incidents encountered on the road to a dispatcher

Follow all applicable traffic laws

Secure cargo for transport, using ropes, blocks, chains, or covers

Inspect their trailers before and after the trip and record any defects they find

Maintain a log of their working hours, following all federal and state regulations

Report serious mechanical problems to the appropriate people

Keep their trucks and associated equipment clean and in good working order



Total trucking industry wages paid in Idaho in 2019 exceeded \$1.9 Billion. Most trucking jobs pay a salary of over \$50,000.

In 2019 there were 40,390 trucking industry jobs in Idaho. That's 1 in 16 jobs in the state.