TRANSPORTATION CAREER PATHWAY

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Heavy Truck Driving

Do You Like ...

... organization and detail?
... machines?
... helping others?
... following a routine?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps’ Heavy Truck Driving career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a heavy truck driver, including:

» Checking vehicles to ensure that mechanical, safety, and emergency equipment is in good working order.

» Maneuvering trucks into loading or unloading positions, following signals from loading crew, and checking that vehicle and loading equipment are properly positioned.

» Collecting delivery instructions from appropriate sources, verifying instructions and routes.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

» Integrity and dependability
» Attention to detail
» Concern for others
» Cooperation

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a heavy truck driver, including having:

» A high school diploma or the equivalent
» Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
» A valid state-issued driver’s license and a clean driving record
» At least 18 years of age (varies by state). To be an interstate commercial driver (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations), you must be at least 21 years of age and pass a physical examination every 2 years
» Good hearing, 20/40 vision or better (may not be colorblind), and normal use of arms and legs
» Not allowed for interstate truck drivers: epilepsy, diabetes controlled by insulin, or the use of any controlled substances not prescribed by a licensed physician
» No felony convictions involving the use of a motor vehicle, a crime involving drugs, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, refusing to submit to an alcohol test required by a state, leaving the scene of a crime, or causing a fatality through negligent operation of a motor vehicle
» Ability to read and speak English well enough to read signs, prepare reports, and communicate with law enforcement officers and the public
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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Transportation training area can earn nationally recognized credentials and/or state licensure. Credentials such as these show that students have the skills and knowledge to work in transportation, logistics, and customer service.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Heavy Truck Driving graduates work full time for a trucking company. They drive heavy trucks for delivery and help load and unload trucks. Long-haul truck drivers may be away from home for days or weeks at a time.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most heavy truck drivers is $40,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit www.mynextmove.org.

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