



Building Careers

Commercial Driver's License – CDL – Preparation

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers professionally drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). Driver's must be licensed in their state and may be required to unload truck their load at their destination. Job titles include Truck Driver, Driver, Over the Road Driver (OTR Driver), Line Haul Driver, Delivery Driver, Owner Operator, Road Driver, Semi Truck Driver, City Driver, Feeder Driver

Tasks

- Check vehicles to ensure that mechanical, safety, and emergency equipment is in good working order.
- Maneuver trucks into loading or unloading positions, following signals from loading crew and checking that vehicle and loading equipment are properly positioned.
- Collect delivery instructions from appropriate sources, verifying instructions and routes.
- Maintain logs of working hours, vehicle service/repair status, following applicable state and federal regulations.
- Report vehicle defects, accidents, traffic violations, or damage to the vehicles.
- Secure cargo for transport, using ropes, blocks, chain, binders, or covers.
- Drive trucks to weigh stations before/after loading and along routes to document weights; comply with state regs.
- Drive trucks with capacities greater than 3 tons, including tractor-trailer combinations, to transport/deliver products, livestock, or other materials.
- Obtain receipts or signatures for delivered goods and collect payment for services when required.
- Inventory and inspect goods to be moved to determine quantities and conditions.

Career Outlook

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the average hourly wage for Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Drivers in the Brazos Valley was \$18.81 in 2012, and the average annual pay in Texas and United States was just under \$42,000 per year. Over the Road (OTR) drivers can make even higher salaries, with some companies paying \$48-60,000 per year the first year. Truck Driving is considered a high-wage, high-growth career field by the Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions.

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