

Transport Truck Drivers

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WHO ARE THEY?



Transport truck drivers operate heavy trucks to transport goods and materials over urban, interurban, provincial and international routes.

They are employed by transportation, manufacturing, distribution and moving companies, and trucking employment service agencies, or they may be self-employed.

This unit group also includes drivers of special purpose trucks and shunters who move trailers to and from loading docks within trucking yards or lots.

MAIN DUTIES

LONG-HAUL DRIVERS

Operate and drive primarily tractor-trailer, long-combination vehicle and straight-body trucks weighing over 4500 kg to transport goods and materials over long distances

Plan trip logistics and obtain required documentation to transport goods

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

Ensure cargo is secured properly in accordance with safety requirements and follow safety procedures for transporting dangerous goods

Obtain special permits and other documents required to transport cargo on international routes

Record cargo information, hours of service, distance travelled and fuel consumption

Administer bills of lading and manually or electronically maintain log books

Communicate with dispatcher, other drivers and customers using communication devices and on-board computers

May perform emergency roadside repairs

May drive as part of a two-person team or convoy

May transport hazardous products or dangerous goods.



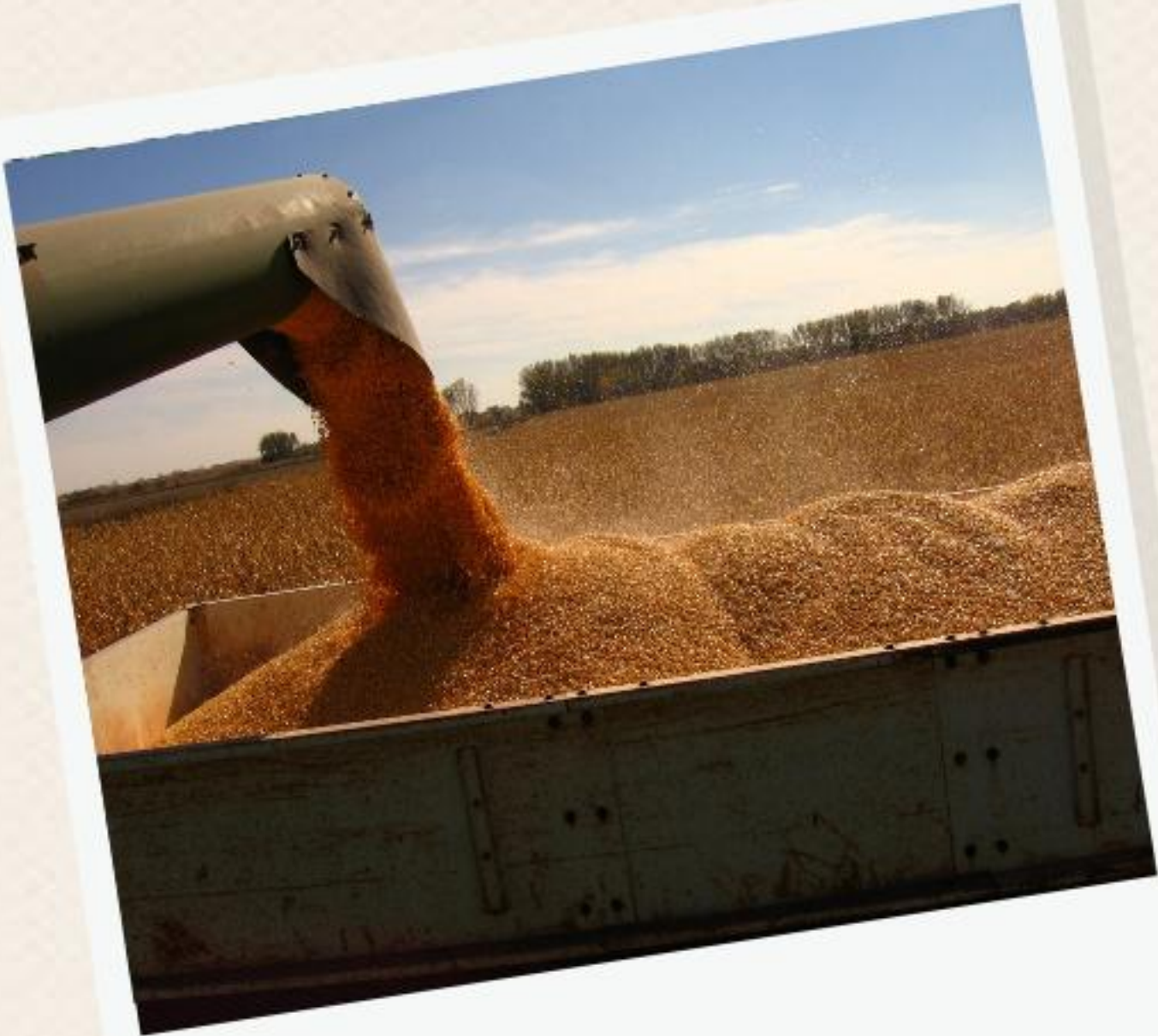
MAIN DUTIES

SHORT-HAUL DRIVERS

Operate and drive primarily straight trucks to transport goods and materials mainly on local routes and short inter-urban routes

Perform pre-trip, en route and post-trip inspection and oversee all aspects of vehicle such as condition of equipment, and loading and unloading of cargo

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May drive special purpose trucks such as tow trucks, dump trucks, hydrovac trucks or cement mixing trucks.



EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS



Completion of secondary school is usually required.

On-the-job-training is provided.

Completion of an accredited driver training course of up to three months duration, through a vocational school or community college, may be required.

A Class 3 or D licence is required to drive straight-body trucks.

A Class 1 or A licence is required to drive long combination vehicles.

Air brake endorsement (Z) is required for drivers who operate vehicles equipped with air brakes.

Transportation of dangerous goods (TDG) certification is required for drivers who transport hazardous products or dangerous goods.

Additional licensing endorsement or certification may be required to drive articulated trucks.





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