

FINDING

Work in ...

PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS

Informing
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QUICK FACTS

- Operate trucks and tractor-trailers to transport goods and materials over long distances.
- Expect to work long hours.
- Expect to be away from home for long periods of time.
- May work as an employee or as a self-employed contractor.
- A positive attitude and approach to work are important to employment success.
- Must show courtesy towards other road users to ensure safety for all on the road.

NATURE OF WORK

- Traveling and hauling long distances between provinces, cross-country, or, in some cases, internationally.
- The ability to travel in the USA may be required.
- Complete routine inspections on all equipment and loads before leaving, while en-route, and at the end of the trip.
- Loading, unloading, tarping and securing truck and cargo.
- Recording and completing driver logbooks and reports.
- Moving trucks and trailers in tight spaces.
- Driving in various kinds of traffic, weather, and road conditions.
- Repetitive work.
- Work is full-time and year-round.
- Shift work and overtime may be required.
- Expect to be away from home for several days or longer.
- Driving at night may be required.
- Includes working both indoors and outdoors.
- Safety ticket training may be available within the company.
- Training for special loads may be required.

- Follow vehicle and axle weight regulatory requirements.
- Light to heavy lifting of 5 kg to 50 kg.
- Heavy pushing of 50 kg to 900 kg.
- The average annual salary for a professional truck driver in Southeastern Alberta is \$50,000.
- For additional information, visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca (NOC# 7411).



What Employers Look For

- Experience driving a 1-ton truck with standard transmission is an asset.
- A Class 1, 3, or 5 license is required.
- An up-to-date driver's abstract.
- Mechanically inclined individuals.
- A farming background will be considered.
- Valid safety tickets (e.g. First Aid, CPR, H₂S Alive, TDG, WHMIS) are required.
- Well-organized to plan route and trips.
- A positive attitude with a strong focus on customer service.
- Neat, clean, and professional in appearance.



WHAT EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR (CONTINUED)

- Good health and vision.
- The ability to remain alert and stay focused.
- The ability to work alone and within a team.
- A high school diploma is an asset.
- Additional equipment operating experience (i.e. forklift experience) is an asset.
- A strong focus on safety and the safe operation of equipment.
- Ability to obtain required transportation documents.
- Knowledge of customs and border crossing requirements and procedures.

RELATED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Employers may provide in-house training.
- Driver training schools are available within southeast Alberta.
- Inquire with local employers or contact local driving schools for more information.
- Long-term employees who show an interest in the truck driving business may have opportunities for advancement in operations, communications, and management/supervision.
- Opportunities may be available to start your own business.
- Visit the **Corporate Education Network** for additional training opportunities specifically in Southeast Alberta (www.cenetwork.ca)

HOW TO APPLY

- Hiring procedures vary depending on the employer.
- Generally, job seekers are to submit a resume or complete a company application form.
- Apply in person, by mail or by fax directly to the company office.

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- In some cases, a company application form may be available on-line at the company website. A formal interview will follow.
- Check www.jobbank.gc.ca for current job listings in Southeast Alberta.

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Bill McColeman Oilfield Hauling, Brooks
- Blue Line Truck Service, Brooks
- BTS Beyers Transport Systems, Medicine Hat & Brooks (www.beyerstransport.com)
- Border Town Express (www.bordertownexp.com)
- Canadian Freightways Ltd. (www.candianfreightways.com)
- Double H Trucking, Bassano
- Duckerings Transport Ltd., Medicine Hat & Brooks
- Exalta Transport, Medicine Hat & Brooks (www.exaltatransport.com)
- JaCar Hot Oil Service
- Joyline Inc., Medicine Hat & Brooks (www.joyline.ca)
- Lambert Trucking (www.lamberttrucking.com)
- Latigo Trucking, Brooks
- Liberty Trucking, Brooks
- McMillan Transport (www.mcmillantransport.ca)
- Pe Ben Industries Co. Ltd., Brooks (www.peben.com)
- Rieger's Terminal, Redcliff
- Ronco Oilfield Hauling
- Rosenau Transport, Medicine Hat & Brooks (www.rosenau.org)
- Smithbrook Mud Services, Brooks (www.smithtrucking.com)
- South Rock Ltd. (www.southrock.ca)