

# Automobile driver

Average salary: \$48,537+

Career trend: very strong growth

## Job description

Automobile drivers are car enthusiasts who make money from doing what they enjoy—experiencing their city, working with people and driving. You'll develop an intricate knowledge of the extensive road networks of your city as you quickly and efficiently transport passengers to their destinations.

## What automobile drivers do

Automobile drivers operate cars, SUVs, vans or limousines to get their passengers from A to B as quickly as possible. They are safe drivers, have an in-depth knowledge of their local area, can drive in all conditions, and are adept at negotiating parking, drop-off zones and toll roads.

If the driver is working for a company, they'll be dispatched to pick up passengers. They may also drive around during a shift picking up passengers who are waiting for fares. They charge passengers an established fare that can be flat-rated or metered based on the time and distance of the ride.

How many fares a driver collects during their shift depends on the area the driver is working, the time of day, the weather and if there are any special events. Chauffeurs are hired by individuals or hotels, corporations or limousine rental companies, and are paid a fixed salary for their services.

## You'll like this job if...

You have great time management and organisational skills. You like working alone. You're self-reliant and resourceful. You have good navigational skills. You're polite, calm and courteous. You can relate to all kinds of people. You're responsible and dependable. You have excellent defensive driving skills. You're comfortable following the rules.



## Will I get a job?

- Very strong growth in this occupation is predicted, with 8,900 new jobs in Australia in the next four years, bringing the total to 63,800.

## What will I earn?

- Median full-time weekly salary (before tax, excluding super) is not available for this occupation.

## Roles to look for

- Chauffeur
- Taxi driver
- Community driver
- Tow truck driver
- Express driver
- Automobile drivers (Oversize load pilot escort / rental car)

## A day in the life...

Work as an automobile driver may involve these tasks:

- use mobile computer systems and radio networks to log into waiting passenger information
- pick up passengers at designated locations or when hailed
- adhere to traffic laws and regulations at all times
- check passenger destinations and determine most appropriate route
- transport passengers to their destination
- assist passengers with limited mobility or luggage
- collect fares and process fare payments
- inspect the status of the vehicle and conducting regular check-ups
- respond to accidents and emergencies by reporting any accident or malfunction to dispatchers or company
- keep records of fares, journeys and working hours
- collect and deliver parcels.

### Main employing industries

- Transport
- Postal
- Warehousing

### Other jobs you may like...

- Train and tram driver
- Delivery driver
- Truck driver

## VET qualifications

The following government-subsidised qualification is available in NSW:

### Certificate II in Driving Operations (TLI21216)

- Up to 1 year full-time
- Available as a traineeship
- Graduates employed or in further study: 86.2%\*

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