Truck drivers drive heavy trucks, removal vans, tankers and tow trucks to transport bulky goods and liquids.

**Job title examples**

- Truck Driver
- Aircraft Refueller
- Furniture Removalist
- Tanker Driver
- Tow Truck Driver

**What truck drivers do**

- manoeuvre vehicles into position for loading and unloading
- load and unload vehicles using lifting and tipping devices
- observe safety requirements when loading and unloading vehicles
- make regular quality checks of vehicles to ensure they can be driven safely
- estimate weights to comply with load limitations and ensure safe distribution of weight
- ensure goods are stowed and securely covered to prevent loss and damage
- verify loading documents, check condition of goods and obtain certification of deliveries

**Main employing industries**

- Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services
- Mining

**Qualifications**

The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

- **Certificate II in Driving Operations** available as a traineeship or qualification
- **Certificate II in Furniture Removal** available as a traineeship or qualification
- **Certificate III in Driving Operations** available as a traineeship or qualification
- **Certificate IV in Driving Operations** available as a traineeship or qualification

**Apprenticeships and traineeships:** Find out how to get an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#).
Course fees: You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the Course Finder to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

### Job prospects and pay

- There are around 55,368 truck drivers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to remain stable in NSW.

**Average weekly full time earnings:**

- Truck drivers: $1,300
- All occupations: $1,200

### Related jobs

- Delivery Driver
- Automobile Driver
- Train and Tram Driver

To find out more regarding these related jobs, visit the Job Guides Homepage.

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**Information sources**

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0


Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23