

# Truck Driver

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

## Other jobs in this field of work

## 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](#).

### Information sources

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

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

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

Earnings: Department of Employment, [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au), based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014