

What do Light Truck Drivers do?

Light truck drivers pick up, transport, and drop off packages and small shipments within a local region. Drive a light vehicle, such as a truck or van, with a capacity of less than 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), primarily to pick up merchandise or packages from a distribution center and deliver. May load and unload vehicle.



Work Content

Running, maneuvering, navigating, or driving vehicles or mechanized equipment, such as forklifts, passenger vehicles, aircraft, or watercraft.

Observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources. Read maps and follow written or verbal geographic directions.

Communicating with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources.

Obey traffic laws and follow established traffic and transportation procedures.

Inspecting equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.

Performing physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling materials.

Places to work

Couriers and Messengers

Wholesale Trade

Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers

Self Employed Workers, All Jobs

Median annual wage *

\$36,779

Projected employment **

4,574

Annual openings (Jobs)

519

Career Cluster



**transportation,
distribution,
and logistics**

* Wage estimates based on surveys conducted from November 2019 to May 2021

** Projected Occupational Employment in 2030

How do you become a Truck Driver, Light?

Light truck drivers usually have a high school diploma. Workers undergo 1 month or less of on-the-job training. They must have a driver's license from the state in which they work and have a clean driving record.

Interests (Holland Codes)



Realistic — Realistic occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.

Conventional — Conventional occupations frequently involve following set procedures and routines. These occupations can include working with data and details more than with ideas. Usually there is a clear line of authority to follow.

Work environment

Delivery truck drivers have a physically demanding job. Driving a truck for long periods can be tiring. When loading and unloading cargo, drivers do a lot of lifting, carrying, and walking.

Explore more: ***

American Trucking Association, www.trucking.org/

*** Inclusion of this information is intended to provide a convenient resource for exploration, but does not constitute an endorsement for any organization, nor is the list all-inclusive.

Source:

New Hampshire Employment Projections, base year 2020 to projected year 2030
New Hampshire Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2021
Occupational Outlook Handbook, Bureau of Labor Statistics

