

PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVER SUMMARY

JOB DESCRIPTION

Professional Truck Drivers operate heavy trucks to transport raw materials, finished goods and livestock locally and across provincial and international boundaries. They are employed by transportation, manufacturing, distribution and moving companies, or they may be self-employed. They are responsible for all aspects of their vehicle, including safety and security of their cargo.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

Experience: A High School Diploma, entry level warehouse and on-the-job experience is preferred.

Education: Ground Transportation - 12 Week Professional Driver Training Program

Training: On-the-job practical training

OPPORTUNITIES IN TRANSPORTATION

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS can be found at: www.thrsc.com/jobboard

Contact the THRSC at careers@thrsc.com or [1.877.858.1908](tel:18778581908) for additional information on Professional Truck Driver positions or available training programs.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

Driver Trainer, Dispatcher, Health & Safety, Terminal Operations, Owner-operator

ATLANTIC CANADA OUTLOOK: GOOD

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Upwards mobility depends on drive, interest and individual determination.

UPWARD MOBILITY: Fleet Manager, HR Management, Terminal Operations

HIGHLIGHTS

SALARIES

CERNO Research

2011 Trucking Report

ATLANTIC CANADA AVG SALARY

Highway Driver: \$ 55,000 - \$60,000

Local Driver: \$ 40,000 - \$45,000

WORKING CONDITIONS

- *Physically and mentally demanding*
- *Loading and unloading cargo*
- *Frequent stops, repetitive tasks*
- *Tight deadlines, work under pressure*
- *Fast-paced environment*

ATLANTIC CANADA SECTOR

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

- *Transportation jobs in Atlantic Canada are found in General Freight, Logistics and Food & Beverage.*

*Professional Truck Driver,
Gender Breakdown*

Male Female

Gender 97% 3%
(CTHRC 2011 Trucking Sector Survey)

Transportation Businesses need Professional Truck Drivers that are easygoing, patient and possess polished customer service skills.

Sources:

Government of Canada, Working in Canada database, Cerno 2011 Trucking Report, 2011 CTHRC Trucking Sector Survey, Statistics Canada -Labour Force Survey, custom tabulation 2011 Annual Avg.