



Overview

Become a First-Class Truck Driver, Earn Better Pay

In Thunder Bay and across Canada, transport drivers are in high demand, earning above average incomes. The trucking industry has changed significantly with greater emphasis on safety, health and accountability.

The career itself involves the operation of heavy trucks to transport goods and materials over urban, provincial and international routes. Long-haul transport truck drivers primarily operate tractor-trailers to transport goods and materials over long distances. This type of work involves planning trip logistics, preparing documentation, vehicle inspection, securing cargo as per safety requirements and obtaining permits for international routes. It also involves recording cargo information, hours of service, distance travelled and fuel consumption.

This program meets and exceeds all mandatory objectives set forth in the Ministry of Transportation's Commercial Truck Driver Training Standard that was released in July 2017.



Top Highlights

- Courses follow industry standards and practices so you are ready for the job market
- Classroom and practical training, including driving, yard, pre-trip and observation
- Hands-on training in the yard and on the road using a tractor-trailer, while under the instruction of a qualified trainer
- Drive time includes real world scenarios and trips on highways, city streets and back roads
- Strong emphasis on defensive driving

AZ Truck Driver (MELT)

Admission Requirements

Applicants to this program must be 18 years of age or older, have a minimum Grade 10 English or TTSAO Admission Testing, hold a Valid Ontario full Class G License and pass a Ministry of Transport Ontario (MTO) medical examination that meets the vision, hearing and medical requirements for a class A license. A driver's abstract is also required.

Employment Opportunities

Upon graduation you will possess the necessary skill set to seek employment as a truck driver for a variety of vehicles. These include long haul, dump truck, tractor-trailer, bulk goods, fuel hauler, flatbed, shunt, moving vans, logging and tow truck driver.

Employment Services

Free employment services for all students through Northwest Employment Works (NEW). Services include connecting job-seekers to employers and offering one-on-one career advising, resume assistance and interview preparation and techniques.

Topics Covered in the Program

Air Brake
Basic Driving Techniques
Cargo Securement
Documents, Paperwork and Regulatory Requirements
Employment in the Commercial Vehicle Industry
Fuel Efficiency
Handling Emergencies
Hours of Service Compliance

Operating Drive Time
Professional Driving Habits
Real World Scenarios
Recruiting/Employment Preparation
Tractor-Trailer Off-Road Tasks and Manoeuvres
Transportation Review
Vehicle Components & Systems
Vehicle Inspection Activities

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