



Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers

SOC Code 53-3033 • Projected Growth (2020) 5 %

Description

What Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers Do

Delivery truck drivers and driver/sales workers pick up, transport, and drop off packages within a small region or urban area. They drive trucks with a capacity of 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or less. Most of the time, they transport merchandise from a distribution center to businesses and households.

Duties

- Load and unload their cargo
- Report any incidents they encounter on the road to a dispatcher
- Follow all applicable traffic laws
- Report serious mechanical problems to the appropriate personnel
- Keep their truck and associated equipment clean and in good working order
- May accept payments for the shipment
- Handle paperwork, such as receipts or delivery confirmation notices

Training Opportunities Linked to Those Jobs

(Degree Types and Colleges/Universities)

How to Become a Light Truck or Delivery Services Driver

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Education and Training

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Training

Companies train new delivery truck drivers and driver/sales workers on the job. This may include driving training with a driver-mentor who rides along with a new employee to ensure that a new driver is able to operate a truck on crowded streets.

New drivers also have classroom training to learn company policies about package drop offs, returns, taking payment, and what to do with damaged goods.

Driver/sales workers must learn detailed information about the products they offer.

Licenses

All delivery drivers need a driver's license.

Important Qualities

Math skills. Because delivery truck drivers and driver/sales workers sometimes take payment, they have to be able to count cash and to make change quickly.

Customer-service skills. When completing deliveries, drivers often interact with customers and should make a good impression to ensure repeat business.

Hand-eye coordination. When driving, delivery drivers have to observe their surroundings while operating a complex machine.

Patience. When driving through heavy traffic congestion, delivery drivers must be calm and composed.

Sales skills. Driver/sales workers are expected to convince customers to purchase new or different products from them.

Speaking ability. Drivers have to be able to speak English well enough to read road signs, prepare reports, and communicate with the public and law enforcement officials.

Visual ability. To have a driver's license, delivery truck drivers and driver/sales workers must be able to pass a state vision test.

Postsecondary Education

Texas Southmost College	South Texas College	Texas State Technical College	The University of Texas at Brownsville	The University of Texas - Pan American

Local Employers

A V's Express	Harlingen	Kiki's Tortilleria	La Feria
Act Fast Delivery	Harlingen	O'Reilly Auto Parts	Port Isabel
Advance Auto Parts Inc	Brownsville	Penske Logistics	Los Indios
Antonio DE LA Fuente Moving	San Benito	Rio Grande Okra Sales	Olmito
Island Ace Hardware	South Padre Island	Walgreens	Brownsville

Career Options

(Specific Job Types)

- Truck Driver
- Delivery Driver
- Driver
- Package Car Driver
- Service Provider
- Bulk Delivery Driver
- Route Driver
- Run Driver
- Utility Driver
- Package Delivery Driver

Salary Ranges

Wages for Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers

Location	Pay Period	2012				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$8.75	\$10.54	\$14.13	\$19.95	\$30.06
	Yearly	\$18,200	\$21,900	\$29,400	\$41,500	\$62,500
Texas	Hourly	\$8.46	\$10.16	\$13.78	\$18.46	\$28.49
	Yearly	\$17,600	\$21,100	\$28,700	\$38,400	\$59,300
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX MSA	Hourly	\$7.97	\$8.89	\$11.26	\$16.72	\$31.03
	Yearly	\$16,600	\$18,500	\$23,400	\$34,800	\$64,500

Professional Associations linked to the Careers

For more information about truck drivers, including delivery truck drivers and driver/sales workers, visit

[American Trucking Association](#)

[Professional Truck Driver Institute](#)

[The International Brotherhood of Teamsters](#)

Sources

The information provided in this document was collected from the following sources:

- Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>)
- O*NET OnLine (<http://www.onetonline.org/>)
- Texas CARES (<http://www.texascaresonline.com/>)
- CareerOneStop (<http://www.careeronestop.org/>)



Course Overview: Focuses on careers in the planning, management, and movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail, and water, and related professional and technical support services.

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Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

SUGGESTED COURSEWORK

EXTENDED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Middle School	8th	HS Courses:	Exploring Careers			Curricular Experiences: Business Professionals of America Future Business Leaders of America SkillsUSA Technology Student Association	Extracurricular Experiences: Language Immersion Programs School Newspaper Student Government UIL Academic Competitions Yearbook	
High School	9th	Core Courses*:	English I Algebra I or Geometry Biology	World Geography Foreign Language I Physical Education	Fine Arts			Career Learning Experiences: Career Preparation Internship Job Shadowing
		Career-Related Electives:	Principles of Transportation, Distribution and Logistics					
	10th	Core Courses:	English II Geometry or Algebra II Chemistry	World History Foreign Language II Elective	Elective			
		Career-Related Electives:	Energy, Power and Transportation Systems or Aircraft Technology					
	11th	Core Courses:	English III Algebra II Physics/Principles of Technology	United States History Foreign Language III** Professional Communications or Speech				
		Career-Related Electives:	Transportation Systems Management or Logistics, Planning and Management Systems or Advanced Aircraft Technology					
	12th	Core Courses:	English IV AP Calculus 4th Science	Government/Economics Fine Arts Elective				
		Career-Related Electives:	Advanced Aircraft Technology or Advanced Electronics or Practicum in Transportation, Distribution and Logistics					
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		University of Texas at Brownsville	University of Texas - Pan American					

*Students must meet local & state graduation requirements. ** Required coursework for Distinguished Graduation Plan (In addition to other measures). *** Based on campus availability. Students may select other elective courses for personal enrichment purposes.

This plan of study serves as a guide, along with other career planning materials, for pursuing a career path and is based on the most recent information as of 2012. All plans meet high school graduation requirements as well as college entrance requirements.