



Professional Truck Driver Training

Program Options

Postsecondary Technical Certificate

Intended Learning Outcomes

- Employable as a trained, safe, and professional truck driver
- Represents a positive image of the trucking industry to the public
- Understands and complies with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations
- Communicates with and contributes to the community

The Professional Truck Driver program is designed to prepare students to meet the qualifications to become a qualified entry-level commercial truck driver. The program provides in-depth classroom instruction as well as range and road driving. Participants will learn basic operation, safe operating practices, vehicle maintenance, and non-vehicle activities such as cargo handling, trip planning, and customer relations. Classroom instruction will be three weeks in length. Driving range and behind-the-wheel driving and observation will be three weeks in length. Students will also obtain a Commercial Drivers License (CDL).

How long will it take?

This program is designed to be completed in a six-week, 40-hour per week time frame. This program is normally offered every four-to-six weeks throughout the year depending on student enrollment.

Program Cost

The course fee for the Professional Truck Driver training program is \$3,474*. Other program costs will include textbooks, Department of Transportation (DOT) medical exam, drug test, and CDL fees. These costs are approximately \$248, making the total program costs approximately \$3,722. Students that want to receive a Postsecondary Technical Certificate must fill out an Application for Graduation Form and pay a \$10 Fee. Graduates are required to sit for proficiency exams at the conclusion of their program. Information regarding costs and dates for the exams will be posted in the online catalog and available from the program instructor(s).

*A fuel surcharge may be applied.

Why Professional Truck Driver Training at EITC?

- Avoid traveling to distant training programs—save money by living at home and attending school locally
- The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Statistics estimates a rapidly growing nationwide need for qualified commercial truck drivers
- Attend small classes conducted by professional commercial truck driver training personnel
- Practice using the latest, most modern tractor-trailer equipment

What jobs may I get?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, new drivers sometimes start on panel trucks or other small straight trucks. As graduates gain experience and show competent driving skills, they may advance to larger and heavier trucks, and finally to tractor-trailers.

- Many long haul carriers have training programs available and will accept EITC graduates into their long distance truck driving training programs
- Some drivers choose to purchase a truck and go into business for themselves as owner/operators
- A few truck drivers may advance to dispatcher, manager, or into training positions with additional experience

Entrance Requirements

- Students must possess a valid Idaho driver's license
- The state of Idaho allows individuals 18 years old and older to drive trucks within its borders
- The U.S. Department of Transportation establishes minimum qualifications for truck drivers engaged in interstate commerce
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations require drivers to be 21 years old and to pass a physical examination once every 2 years
- EITC application required (no fee required)

Physical Requirements:

- The main physical requirements include good hearing, at least 20/40 vision with glasses or corrective lenses, and a 70-degree field of vision in each eye. Drivers must be able to distinguish the difference between the colors of red, yellow, and green. Drivers must be able to hear a forced whisper in one ear at not less than 5 feet with a hearing aide if needed
- Drivers must have normal use of arms and legs and normal blood pressure
- Drivers cannot use any controlled substances, unless prescribed by a licensed physician
- Persons with epilepsy or diabetes controlled by insulin are not permitted to be interstate truck drivers without a special waiver from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Federal regulations require employers to test their drivers for alcohol and drug use as a condition of employment and require random tests while they are on duty
- According to DOT regulations, all drivers must be able to read and speak English well enough to read road signs, prepare reports, and communicate with law enforcement officers and the public

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10 Credits

PTD 101	Professional Truck Driving Fundamentals	5
PTD 102	Basic Driving Skills Development	1
PTD 103	Advanced Driving Skills Development	4

*PTD 101, 102, and 103 are offered as a whole package and cannot be taken individually