

Professional Truck Driver Training



The 10 credit Professional Truck Driver Training Program is designed to prepare students to meet the qualification 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 two weeks in length. Driving range and behind the wheel driving and observation will be four 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.

How Much Will It Cost?

The course fee for the professional Truck Driver training program is \$3,258.

Other program costs include textbooks, Department of Transportation (DOT) medical exam, drug test, and CDL fees. These costs are approximately \$500. Students may apply for a Post Secondary Certificate with a \$10 fee.

Entrance Requirements

Students must possess a valid Idaho driver's license. The state of Idaho requires drivers to be at least 18 years old 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 at least 21 years old and to pass a physical exam once every 2 years.

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.

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 Can I Get?

According to the U.S. Department of labor, "New drivers sometimes start on panel trucks or other small straight trucks." As drivers 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 becoming owner-operators.
- A few truck drivers may advance to dispatcher, manager, or into training positions with additional experience.

Professional Truck Driver Training Program

Students must complete PTD 101, 102, and 103

Instructor:

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The total cost the Professional Truck Driving Training Program is \$3,521.00.

This cost includes the following:

Credit Fees	\$833	DOT Medical Exam	\$50
Laboratory Fees	\$2,410	DOT Drug Test	\$50
Computer Access Fee	\$15	CDL Testing	\$113
	<u>\$3,258</u>	Textbooks	<u>\$50</u>
			\$263

***Total program costs:**

Fees	\$3,258
Other Costs	<u>\$263</u>
	\$3,521

Optional \$10 graduation application fee for Postsecondary Technical Certificate (plus cost of cap and gown). Commencement is held in May.

Application/Registration Process:

- Complete and submit completed EITC application form to Student Services.
- Provide valid **Idaho** drivers license to be copied by EITC staff. If your license is not issued by the State of Idaho, please call Hank Brown to discuss.

Then:

- Meet with Admission Counselor to register and pay for all classes:
 - PTD 101
 - PTD 102
 - PTD 103
- Sign Entrance Requirement form.

During the first week of class:

- Complete medical exam, and drug testing. If you have questions or concerns, call Hank Brown.

*Cost subject to change without notice.