Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

What They Do
Transport goods from one location to another. More commonly called semi drivers, these long-haul drivers operate trucks that exceed 26,000 pounds including the vehicle, passengers and cargo. These drivers deliver goods over routes between cities, sometimes spanning several states.

Is This For You?
Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland’s Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Realistic** (Doers) — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

**Conventional** (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

**Support** — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**Independence** — Work on their own and make decisions.

**Working Conditions** — Job security and good working conditions.

Abilities reflect a person’s aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Control Precision
- Far Vision
- Multilimb Coordination
- Near Vision
- Reaction Time
- Response Orientation
- Depth Perception
Basic Skills You Need

- Operation and Control
- Operation Monitoring
- Time Management
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Troubleshooting

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

- Applied Math  3
- Workplace Documents  4
- Graphic Literacy  4

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers are:

- Truck Transportation
- Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods
- Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing
- Self Employment
- Waste Management and Remediation Service

South Dakota Employment & Wages

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