Light Truck or Delivery Service Drivers

**What They Do**

Drive a light vehicle, such as a truck or van, to deliver or pick up merchandise or to deliver packages. May load and unload the vehicle. The vehicles they drive normally have a capacity of less than 26,000 pounds.

**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** — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

- **Working Conditions** — Offer 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.

- Far Vision
- Multilimb Coordination
- Spatial Orientation
- Static Strength
- Near Vision
- Control Precision
- Information Ordering
Basic Skills You Need

• Operation and Control
• Active Listening
• Speaking
• Monitoring
• Reading Comprehension
• Time Management

Education & Training

Light truck or delivery services driver positions generally require a high school diploma or an equivalent. A good driving record is important in getting hired.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

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*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of light truck or delivery services drivers are:

• Couriers and Messengers
• Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers
• Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods
• Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods

South Dakota Employment & Wages

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