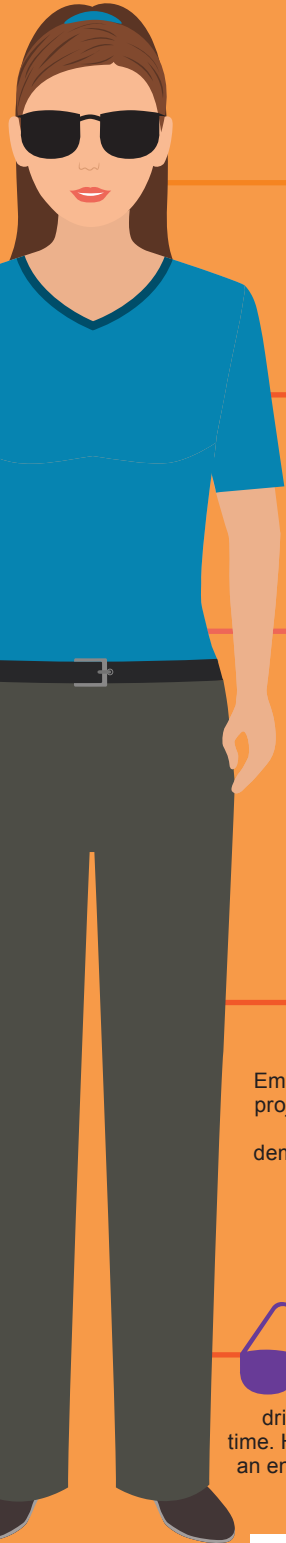


# In Demand Transportation Careers

## HEAVY & TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS

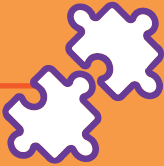
## AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN



### EDUCATION

Usually a high school diploma and attend a professional truck driving school. They must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).

High school diploma or equivalent. Typically need to complete a vocational or other postsecondary education program in automotive service technology.



### IMPORTANT QUALITIES

- Near and far vision
- Hand-eye-foot coordination
- Quick reaction time
- Depth perception
- Problem solving skills

- Customer-service skills
- Detail oriented
- Dexterity
- Mechanical skills
- Organizational skills
- Physical strength
- Troubleshooting skills



### WHAT THEY DO

Most tractor-trailer drivers are long haul drivers. There are opportunities for Heavy Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers in road construction, you local and state highway departments, excavating, quarries, and agriculture.

Inspect, maintain, and repair cars and light trucks. They use computers and scanning tools frequently to test parts and systems to identify problems, perform basic maintenance, including oil changes and tire rotations, and repair or replace worn parts. Explains automotive problems and repairs to clients.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES \$18.36 TO \$24.98<sup>TO</sup>**

Employment of heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers is projected to grow 7.3 percent from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations. As the demand for goods increases, more truck drivers will be needed to keep supply chains moving.

**MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES \$11.97 TO \$22.59<sup>TO</sup>**

Employment of automotive service technicians and mechanic is projected to have 1,411 openings in the area between 2018 to 2028. More entry-level automotive service technicians will be needed to perform basic maintenance and repairs as the number of vehicles in use continues to rise.

*These jobs are in demand in Southwest and South Central Minnesota and these are SW/SC Minnesota Median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.*



### WORK ENVIRONMENT

Working as a long-haul truck driver is a major lifestyle choice because these drivers can be away from home for days or weeks at a time. Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers are typically in an enclosed vehicle or equipment. Drivers can also work outdoors and be exposed to weather conditions.

Most service technicians work full time, and many work evenings or weekends. Overtime is common.



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