

CDL Driver



What They Do

CDL drivers transport goods from one location to another; often driving long distances, either in state or cross-country. Drivers must possess a commercial driver's license. CDL drivers are responsible for ensuring that their goods arrive safely and on schedule.

Job Duties

- Follow safety procedures for vehicle operation
- Inspect and ensure that cargo is properly loaded and secured
- Record service, repair, operation, and production data
- Operate vehicle, reporting any vehicle or equipment malfunctions
- Review documents/materials for compliance with policies or regulation
- Collect fares or payment
- Maintain vehicles in good working condition
- Map routes, adjusting as necessary

Job Earnings

In **New York State**, the median annual wage for this occupation is **\$ 49,240** with the bottom 10% earning **\$33,500** and the top 90% earning **\$80,170**.

Education/Training

This occupation requires

- A high school diploma or GED
- Participation in a CDL training program through an adult education BOCES program or private provider
- A CDL license from the Department of Motor Vehicles

Job Outlook

In **New York State** based on the total number of annual openings and its growth rate, employment prospects for this occupation are described as **Favorable** , with a total of 7,580 job opening(s) from 2016-2026 .

Career Title - Career Pathway

Ways to start preparing for you future career TODAY!

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Middle/High School Classes to Take:

- Shop/Tech/Mechanics
- Math

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Clubs/Extracurricular Activities:

- Tech Clubs
- Camp Hard Hat
- SkillsUSA

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Local BOCES/Career & Technical Education Programs:

- Genesee Valley BOCES
 - Conservation - Batavia, Mt. Morris
 - Diesel Mechanics - Batavia, Mt. Morris
- Orleans CTE Diesel Technology/Heavy Equipment/Agricultural Mechanics
- Monroe2BOCES Heavy Equipment

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Volunteer Opportunities: because of the age limitations for a CDL License, there are no specific volunteer opportunities available. However, anything that allows you to gain experience driving a lawn tractor, using tools, working on equipment, etc. are valuable learning experiences.

Education/Training

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Local Colleges/Training:

- GVBOCES Adult Ed CDL Training
- National Tractor Trailer School, Buffalo
- Buffalo CDL Training Institute
- Professional Driver Institute, Scottsville
- Morgan School of Driving, Rochester