

## EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- ▶ May require Grade 12 completion, some previous experience, or completion of driver training.
- ▶ Truck drivers in BC require a Class 3 commercial license to operate vehicles with more than two axles. For trucks with semi-trailers, drivers require a Class 1 driver's license. An air brake endorsement is necessary in order to operate a truck with air brakes.
- ▶ Transportation of Dangerous Goods certification is required for drivers who transport hazardous products or dangerous goods.

## TRAINING

Many British Columbia colleges and private institutions offer truck driver training programs. For more information about the Canadian trucking industry and accreditation, please visit the Trucking HR Canada website (<https://truckinghr.com>).

If you are interested in completing Grade 12 or upgrading your skills, you have a number of options. Check out adult basic education programs at:

- ▶ The College of New Caledonia.
- ▶ Coast Mountain College

If you have completed Grade 12 and are interested in exploring your career options in exploration and mining, contact:

- ▶ General education advisors or First Nations Access coordinators at Coast Mountain College
- ▶ School of Exploration & Mining advisors at Coast Mountain College
- ▶ Academic advisors at the College of New Caledonia

## CAREER ADVANCEMENT POTENTIAL

- ▶ Truck drivers can progress to the control of heavier equipment by upgrading their licenses.
- ▶ Advancement into supervisory or management positions, or into non-driving occupations such as dispatcher, safety officer or driving trainer is possible with additional training or experience.

To learn more about a career as a truck driver (including information about work duties and working conditions, salaries and employment prospects), you can access information in the National Occupation Classification (NOC) System at [www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca). The NOC code for this occupation is 7511.

# TRUCK DRIVERS

Truck drivers operate light and heavy trucks, including multi-trailer combinations, to transport goods and materials over urban, interurban, provincial and international routes. They are employed by trucking, transportation and manufacturing companies, or they may be self-employed. Truck drivers must have excellent driving skills, good judgement, and an ability to remain focused for extended periods of time and to react quickly in emergency situations.



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## JOB DESCRIPTION

Truck drivers perform some or all of the following duties:

- ▶ Operate and drive trucks or trucks with trailers to transport goods and materials to specified destinations.
- ▶ Load, secure and unload trailers and ensure safety and security of cargo.
- ▶ Perform pre-trip inspections of vehicle systems and equipment such as tires, lights and brakes.
- ▶ Perform emergency roadside repairs.
- ▶ Obtain special permits and other documents required to transport cargo on international routes.
- ▶ Communicate with dispatchers and other drivers using two-way radios, cellular telephones and on-board computers or in-person at customers' sites and border crossings.
- ▶ Stop in weigh scales when required based on vehicle and load size.

Seabridge Gold developed its job fact sheets using information from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada's 2006 National Occupational Classification, Work BC ([www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)) and the Mining Industry Human Resource Council (<https://mihr.ca>). To learn more about Seabridge Gold and its projects, visit [www.seabridgegold.com](http://www.seabridgegold.com).