



The Ultimate Guide to Getting Into the Trucking Industry

Your roadmap to a high-paying career in trucking. Discover how to join this essential industry with our step-by-step guide.

Why Consider a Career in Trucking?

72%

U.S. Freight

Trucking moves nearly three-quarters of all U.S. goods.

\$940B

Annual Revenue

The industry generates nearly a trillion dollars yearly.

3.5M+

Current Drivers

Join a massive workforce that keeps America moving.

80K+

Driver Shortage

High demand equals exceptional job security.



How Much Do Truckers Make?



Entry-Level

New drivers earn between \$45,000 and \$55,000 annually. This is after just weeks of training.

Highest-Paying States: **Alaska (\$65K-\$95K), North Dakota (\$60K-\$90K), New York (\$62K-\$85K)**



Experienced

With a few years under your belt, expect \$60,000 to \$85,000 per year. Experience pays well.



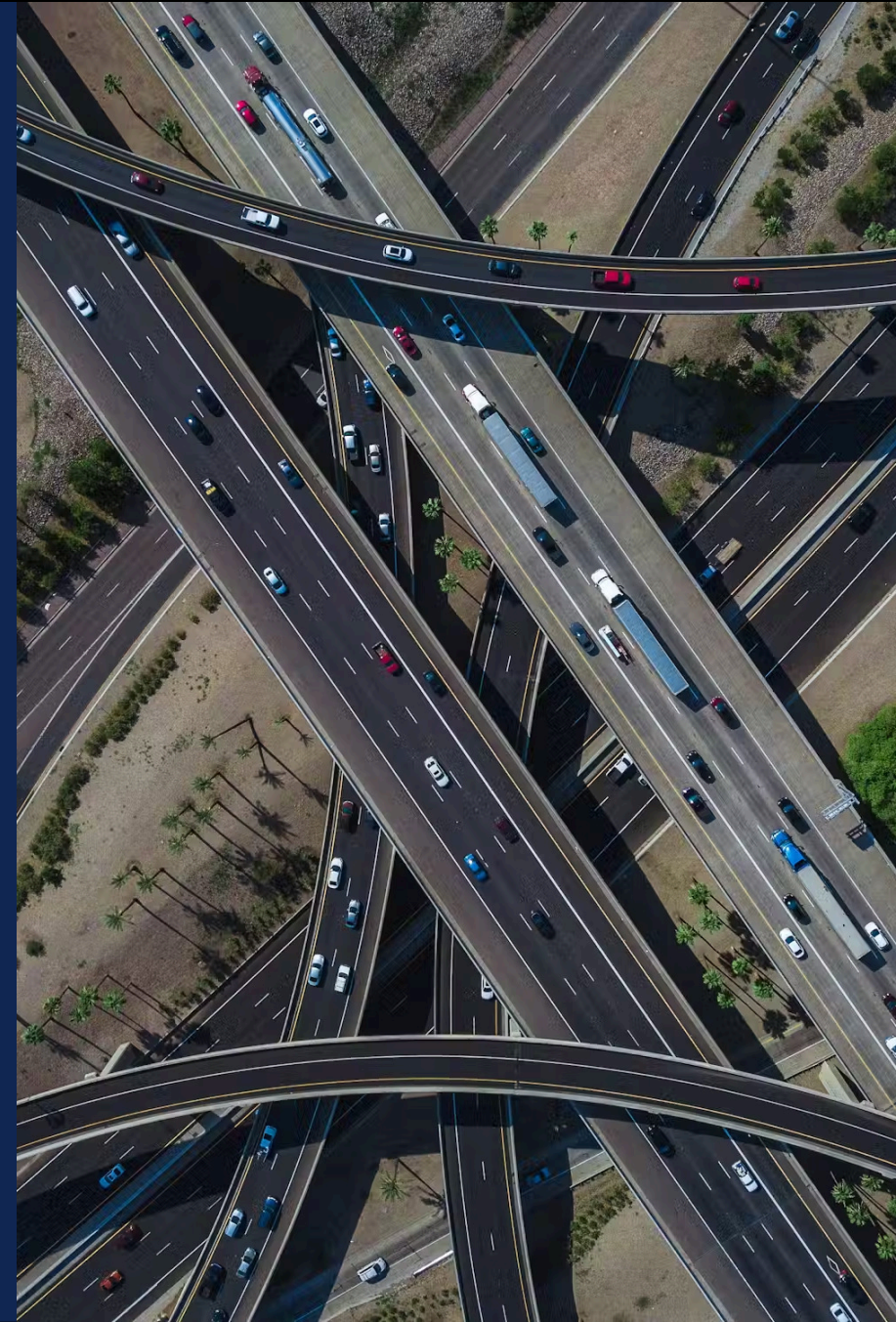
Owner-Operators

Running your own rig can net \$100,000 to \$300,000 annually. Be your own boss.

Trucking Career Paths

Career Type	Description	Pay Range
Local	Home daily, city driving	\$45K – \$70K
Regional	Multi-state runs	\$55K – \$85K
OTR (Long-Haul)	Cross-country hauls	\$65K – \$100K+

Choose the path that fits your lifestyle. Each offers unique advantages and challenges.





Steps to Becoming a Truck Driver

Meet Basic Requirements

- **Must be 18+ (21+ for interstate driving)**
- **Pass a DOT physical & drug test**
- **Have a clean driving record**

Get a Commercial Learner's Permit

- **Study the CDL Handbook thoroughly**
- **Pass the written test at your local DMV**

Complete Required Training

- **Enroll in an FMCSA-approved course**
- **Learn both theory and practical skills**

Complete ELDT Training

What is ELDT?

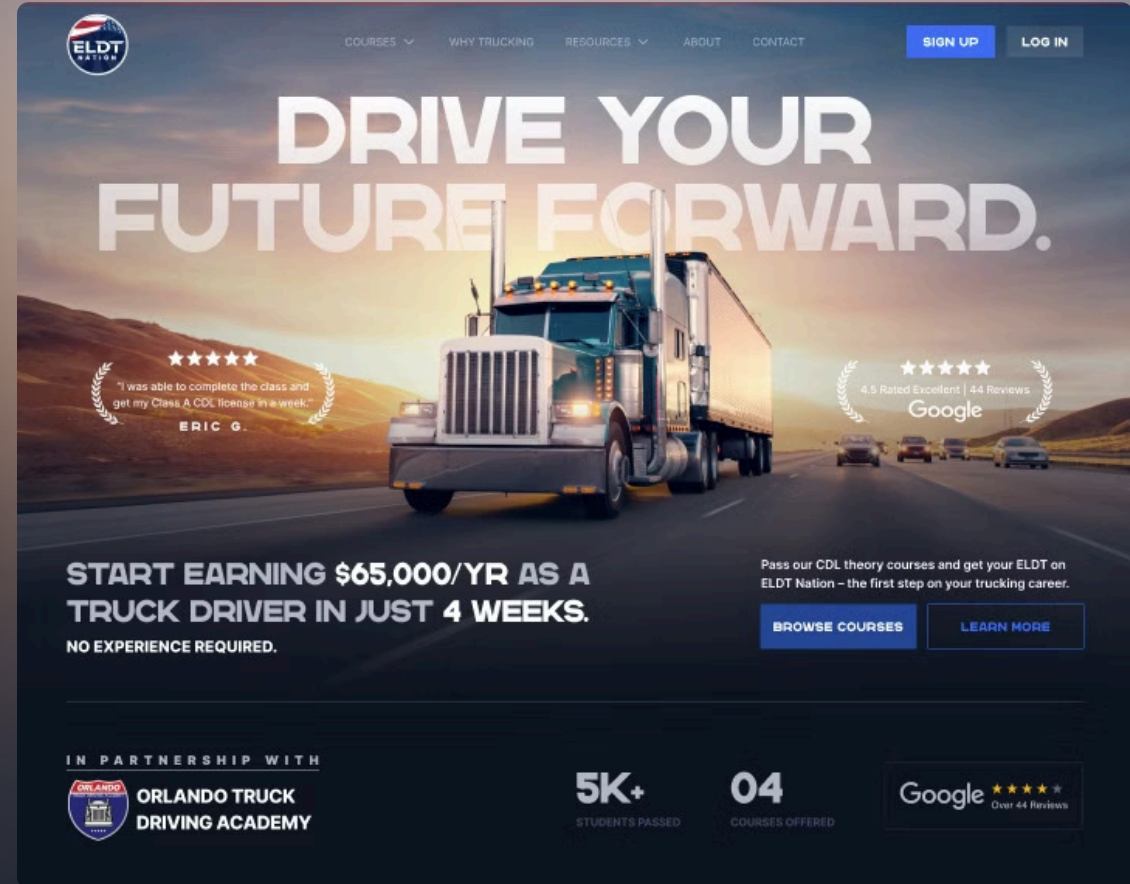
Entry-Level Driver Training has been mandatory since February 7, 2022. It's federally required for all new drivers.

FMCSA Approval Required

You must complete a course from an approved provider. Not all schools qualify.

Gateway to Testing

Without ELDT completion, you cannot take the CDL test. It's a non-negotiable step.



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5K+
STUDENTS PASSED

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CDL Training & Skills Test

Attend CDL Training

Learn to operate a commercial vehicle safely.
Most schools offer 4-8 week programs.

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Pre-Trip Inspection Test

Demonstrate your ability to check vehicle safety. You'll need to identify key components.

Backing Maneuvers Test

Show you can safely back a large vehicle. This includes alley docking and parallel parking.

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On-Road Driving Test

Prove your skill in real traffic conditions. The final step to earning your CDL.

What a Trucker's Day Looks Like

Morning Routine

Pre-trip inspection
and route planning



Rest Period

Mandatory downtime
in cab or hotel

On the Road

Drive 8-11 hours with
scheduled breaks

Deliveries

Loading/unloading
at various locations

End of Day

Log hours and post-
trip inspection

A trucker's day follows strict regulations to ensure safety. You'll develop efficient routines that maximize both earnings and rest.





Why Choose Trucking?



Job Security

The industry always needs drivers. Your skills will remain in demand for decades.



High Pay & Benefits

Earn a solid income with health insurance. Many companies offer bonuses and retirement plans.



Independence

Enjoy life on the open road. No office politics or micromanagement to deal with.



Quick Training

Start earning in just 4-8 weeks. Few careers offer such rapid entry to good wages.



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